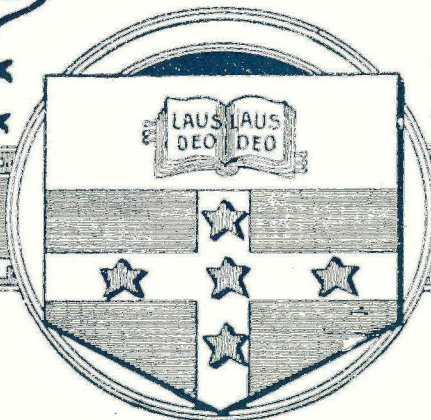


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## BOUILLABAISSE.

*"This Bouillabaisse a noble dish is  
A sort of soup, or broth, or brew,  
Or hotchpotch of all sorts of fishes."*

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL BOARDING HOUSE.

It is an old Latin adage, trite yet true, that times change and we change with them. Or, if we do not change, we are left behind in the race. For many years it has been increasingly manifest that Grammar stands in need of a School House, which may receive boarders on a larger scale, and with a more definitely official organisation, than is possible to any individual assistant master. The boys themselves realise this. The Senior Prefect happens to refer to it, quite independently, in his School Notes in this issue. A nucleus of genuine School boarders would give to the School something of the same sort of strength that is given to the University by even a single residential college. The writer attended lectures at Sydney University for five years, one of which he spent in residence at Andrew's. That one year was of more real value to him than the other four put together. That is one argument, and a good one. Another is that Old Sydneians living in the country are pulled two ways, by their genuine loyalty to their own old school and by their need to consider the obvious disadvantages of sending their sons to an institution where full provision is not made for them. And so a man who in his day was Senior Prefect and Captain of the Fifteen is forced to look elsewhere for his son's training. What would naturally have been a prolific Grammar tree is chopped down short at the parent stem, the branches (or shall we say the vigorous suckers?) belonging wholly, not to Grammar, but to King's, or Shore, or Cranbrook. Read the lists of the Fifteen and the Eleven at King's, five and twenty years ago, and note how the names recur to-day: this is far less true of a day school, for its country sons, who are among the sturdiest and best, fall away, almost inevitably. There are other arguments hardly less strong. In one New Zealand school we know, the fees are four times as much for a boarder as for a day boy and the profit to the



school nearly ten times as much. It is a common saying that "Day boys do not pay"; yet Grammar carries on. A School House, firmly established on a sound financial basis, would be an excellent commercial proposition, of real value to a school which, for all its long and successful career, is poorly endowed and greatly cramped in its activities by sheer lack of funds. In the last twenty-five or thirty years, Grammar fees have increased from fifty to fifty-five per cent., and, although this does not keep pace with the advance in the cost of living, it yet approaches the limit of safety in competition with a State system which is absolutely free. There are prospects, excellent prospects, that a School House will be in existence next February, ready to accommodate, comfortably and efficiently, not fewer than thirty-five boys. A few keen Old Sydneians, headed by Mr. Orwell Phillips and Mr. Norman Cowper, and greatly aided by the voluntary professional services of Mr. Alwyn Gorman, Mr. H. J. Russell and Mr. L. Robertson, are working out a scheme for the Old Sydneians' Union. Since the scheme has not yet been before the School Trustees, who are known to be sympathetic, nothing more can at present be said of it. It is enough to say that, if the friends of the School recognise the need and the opportunity and are prepared to support this very practical form of school endowment, Grammar will enter on a new era. There is no suggestion of changing the character of the School in any fundamental way: it is hoped to make provision for some fifty or sixty boys, who would otherwise be lost and who will act in some sort as a leaven to the rest of us. If Romulus was the founder of Rome, Camillus, too, was styled *pater patriae*, when he saved the Capitol from the swarming barbarians. Let this brief statement represent the cackling of the Sacred Geese: who is going to be our Camillus, the second founder of Grammar? Or is it a sufficient answer to say that, just as Rome was not built in a day, so many good sons of Rome made it their pride to take at least some small share in the building?

THE lot of the Editor is even harder than usual. Many worthy contributions fail of being printed. Some of them came in too late, when the Treasurer was already complaining bitterly that the School was getting a great deal too much for its shilling—at any rate too much in quantity, which is the basis on which printers charge. One set of verses, *The Graveyard*, by L.P.H. (V.A.), is perhaps better than any accepted original offering. Our reliable friend, W.L.P., sends in a parody of Keats, *Le Bel Homme sans Merci*, which would set the Masters' Common Room in a roar; better leave it at that, for the present, and set the School guessing, from the title, who is the handsome tyrant of a master, so genially satirised. Then, too, there is an unkind prose travesty of our teaching

by L.F. (IV.E). At one time or another, every subject, and almost every master, has his turn. If we could but print them all, side by side in a special supplement, there would be no excessive pride and no heartburning among the staff, and the value of these caricature criticisms would be more assessable. Every master knows, of course, that he is popular with all his classes: some men are born popular, some achieve popularity, and some have popularity thrust upon them. It must be helpful to them to know what their populace really thinks it thinks of them, and of their laborious efforts to instruct and uplift it.



THE School is always proud of those Old Boys who, after wearing the Black and Gold, go on to represent the State, and bring further credit to the School. Old Boys have been very prominent in club football this year, and we congratulate Alec Ross, "Huck" Finlay, Charlie Fox, "John" Wallace, and Wally Ives on being selected to play in the First XV. against the All Blacks. Geoff. Storey played in two matches and Max Hesslein in one. All acquitted themselves well.

An account of the year's rowing camp and regatta will be found on other pages. Mrs. "Sav.," the "mother of the rowers" was once again heartily welcomed in Assembly when she presented the singlets to the crews before the race. Rowing colours were awarded to Phipps, Russell, Bright, Gould-ii., Dundas, Kenny, Gourlay, McMahon, and Gowing (cox). We offer our hearty congratulations to High as "Head of the River," and to King's, who annexed both "fours."

Mr. and Mrs. Marks are in London at present, and are enjoying their holiday immensely. In his letters "Marco" has the greatest interest in the activities of the School, as usual, and is eagerly awaiting the result of the football competition. But alas!!

The School welcomes Mr. S. C. Lyon, a recent addition to the Staff, and wishes him every success in his connections with Grammar. In football he has been very helpful already.

As is only right, the School has the greatest respect for the traditions the Old Boys have left behind them at Grammar. But we also like to see them keeping in touch with the old School once they have gone out from College Street. The Old Boys can, either



personally or in letters to the *Sydneian*, give us much help by criticism. They are the repositories of tradition and they can profoundly influence the present generation far more than they know. Even if they left the School some time ago, their name and face is sure to be remembered by someone, and the word passes round, "You remember him, he played with the 1st XV.," or "Why, he was Senior Prefect." We at the School, boys and masters alike, are doing our best to keep up the name and prestige of Grammar, but we cordially invite the help, the value of which cannot be underestimated, of all Old Boys. The School is truly proud of every one, and is ever glad to see them in the old Schoolroom once again.

This year is remarkable for the number of dances being held in the Big Schoolroom. The Rowing Club dance was held at the end of last term, while the Women's Association and Old Boys' Union held their dances here on the 11th June and 16th of July respectively. The Annual School Dance will be held on the 21st August, at which a big roll-up is expected. Come along!

We congratulate King's on being football champions for the year, a position which they have won by consistent play during the season.

Football colours for 1926 were awarded to Grant, Campbell, Caldwell, Hemingway, Mann, Benson, Kenny, Bright, Gould 2, Whiddon, Cupitt, Wheeler, Phipps, Spring and Dundas.

Phipps and Wheeler were our representatives in the All Schools' 1st XV., Grant and Spring in the 2nds, and Kenny (Capt.), Campbell and Gould (emergency) in the 3rds.

Among Old Sydneians who have assisted at the football practices are Bill "Ludo," Bill Alexander and Harry Neale. As for years past, Dr. Mack Luker has been an enthusiastic follower of all the matches. We are always glad to welcome Old Boys at the ground whether it be in the cricket, football, or athletic season.

A pleasing feature about the football this year has been the fine attendance of the School at the matches. Can this be due to the mysterious underhand workings of the "Black Hand," or a better School spirit amongst the boys. We sincerely hope, nay, believe, that it is the latter.

It will be hard to imagine next year's rowing camp without the cheery personality of Mr. Mackenzie. Mr. Mac. has endeared himself to every boy that has been in the shed during the four years he has been with the School, and to the many Old Boys who have met him. A true friend to all of us, he has grown into the School, and has its traditions deeply at heart, while many are the boys who have felt better for his good, sound advice and the manly qualities which he had a knack of inspiring. We hope to see him at the School functions for a long while to come.

The School Sports Meeting will be held on the Weigall Ground on Saturday, 25th September. Arrangements are well in hand, and

Mr. Bullock, who is in charge of athletics, expects record entries. Every boy should try a hand at some event, as far too many put up the plea of "can't," which really amounts to "won't." The All Schools' Sports are set down for 16th October.

The Shooting Competition takes place on the 21st and 22nd of September.

The Boxing Tournament will take place on our ground on 20th, 24th, 26th, and 31st of August. The entries this year constitute a record, and all the classes are very open. Mr. Soden is making all the arrangements, which he has well in hand.

A big roll up to cricket practice is expected next term. There are several vacancies caused by boys who have left, in the upper teams, and this should bring forth still greater effort. The first eleven is well up in the competition, and we expect great things from them next term.

One difference between the Grammar School and our rivals is very apparent, and is ever coming more so. The large boarding schools with which we compete have absolute control over a boy and help themselves freely to all his spare hours, before and after school. On the other hand, the parents of the boys at Grammar only "lend" them, as it were, for about six hours a day, though most parents have the wisdom to see that school duties, in their true interpretation, do not end in the class room. But we, being a day school, have always to carry the same heavy load by voluntary effort, a matter which lies solely in the boy's hands.

There should not be a single boy who does not do something for the School in some branch of its activities; when every boy lives up to the badge he wears, then we need fear no foe.

B.K.

There has been one new appointment to the rank of Prefect since the last issue and that is Russell who rowed 7 in the crew. We offer him our heartiest congrats.

We extend to Sergeant and Mrs. Wells the deep and sincere sympathy of the whole School in the recent death of one of their young sons in the Children's Hospital.

The Dramatic Society held its annual performance in the middle of July, this time attempting a three nights' production. The programme was very well received on Thursday and on Saturday, but the appreciativeness of Friday's audience fell somewhat short of expectations. In spite of the fact that the play produced ("The Romantic Age") is one of the most charming plays written in recent years, not even the most hardened "block walker" at the School found that delight in it which might have been. However, the Society made £30 odd, so why worry?

The football team has lived up to its reputation, especially in the St. Joseph's match, which, although lost by us, was fought for with

bull-dog tenacity till the final bell. We thank St. Joseph's for a fine tussle, which is described elsewhere. The XV. has just failed to do exceedingly well.

The Debating Team has not yet been defeated and stands level with St. Joseph's at the head of the table. The last debate in Group B will take place against St. Ignatius at S.G.S. on August 20th.

Now as the football season is drawing to a close, the Athletic Sports begin to loom large on the horizon, and, directed by a hard-working committee, promise to be very successful.

Another item on the year's programme which is the source of the usual apprehension is the Public Examinations in November. These will be the cause of another set of numerous epitaphs when the results come out. (Let us hope they will be as few as is humanly possible.)

The School congratulates Mr. J. B. Roberts, who has been with us now nearly a quarter of a century, on his outstanding triumph on the City Bowling Green. We understand that the spikes on the street railings were lined that loud Monday with Grammar faces and Grammar hats. Whether they coached him as so many of us coach the XV. from the side lines is not known.

The School noted with approval and satisfaction the knighthood conferred on Mr. J. O. Fairfax.

We observe that the Old Boys of Wesley College, Melbourne, have marked the Jubilee of the school by a gift of twenty thousand guineas. How old is Grammar?

Mr. G. E. Moss, of Girilambone, a young Old Sydneian (1919), has sent a cheque of two guineas for the Library. Dr. Brearly gives us the National Geographical Magazine each month. J. Barnes (1925), and G. M. Harris have presented books of value.

Yet another worthy engraving of the School is available, by Mr. Ellis St. John, at two guineas, framed.

We congratulate Canon H. K. Archdall, Senior Prefect (1903), on his appointment as Headmaster of King's College, Auckland, N.Z., after six years' good work as Head of the Armidale School.

D.G.

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#### VALETE.

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6th Form—Douglas, A. G.; Drummond, R. P. R.; Edwards, K. L.; Gow, R. W.; Howle, W. F. C.; Jenkins, P.; May, S. R. L.; Paradise, F. A. H.; Smith, R. N.

5th Form—Andrew, R. T.; Baker, E. G. W.; Barrett, S. P.; Bradford i. E. D. G.; Butler, T. B.; Collins, G. D.; Mair ii, J. N.; Manning, G. I.; Martin, K.; Mowle, L.; Watt, C. J.; Wiltshire ii, J. D.



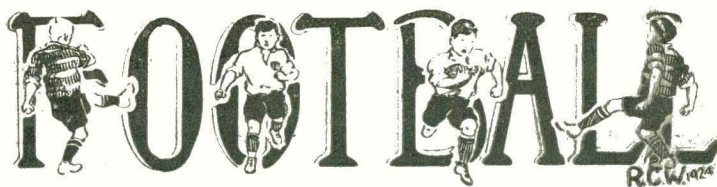
4th Form—Anderson, G. E.; Harper, D. R.; Holt, F. G.; Jacobs, R. G.; Jones, I. W.; Lamb, R. G.; Lee, K. L.; Macintyre, D. C.; Mackinnon, A. W.; Major, L. J.; Martyn, R. F.; Reynolds, S. J.; Weeks, T. J.; Welch, T. C.; Whatmore, P. A.

3rd Form—Clarke, T. S.; Creswick-Jackson, P. R.; Goodman, H. E.; Spong, K. B.; Woolley, G. T.

2nd Form—Angus, B.; Bennett, J. J.; Collins, J.; Gourlay, G. E.; Griffin, P. W.

### SALUTE.

Ashton, J. R.; Blaikie, C. J.; Blaikie, G. N.; Cameron, R. W.; Cerexhe, F. G. A.; Coote, J. F. M.; Falkinder, R. G.; Forsyth, W.; Jones, I.; Langdon, R. S.; Lee, A.; Macnaught, D.; McKelvey, R. H.; Mitchelmore, H. B.; Newton, G. E.; Norris, B. M.; Page, J.; Rae, C. D.; Rezzonico, J.; Roles, J. P.; Tourle, A. A.



By the time these notes are in print the G.P.S. Football premiership will have been decided as between King's and St. Joseph's, and our own position in the competition table fixed definitely. With but one more competition match to be played, the time is opportune for a brief review of our deeds and misdeeds in the football arena.

In the last *Sydneian* we expressed the pious hope that the winter would be reasonably dry and our season a successful one. As a matter of fact, wet weather interfered very considerably with our practices in the first half of the season and, in consequence, we had to pay many visits to the neighbouring park. With regard to the degree of success achieved, if that is gauged by a school's position in the competition table, then this season is the worst that Grammar has experienced for many years. Of the seven competition matches played we have won the four "home" matches against High, Riverview, Shore and Scots, and lost the other three against King's, Newington and St. Joseph's, scoring altogether 159 points to our opponents' 112. King's defeated us decisively, but in each of the other two matches lost the margin was small—three points—and might have been the other way. Taking into account all the games played

this season, it is a curious thing that the team either commenced well and was then hard put to it in the second half to maintain an established lead, or else it began in very mediocre fashion and put on a sprint later—sometimes too late. The team might truly be described as “moody”—this is not inconsistent with, but may help to explain, the fact that Grammar lived up to the traditions usually associated with the St. Joseph’s match.

Another important factor to be reckoned with was the unusual number of casualties, due to both sickness and injury, which occurred from time to time and seriously affected not only the first three teams but the lower teams as well. To lose Grant just before the King’s match, when there was no time to experiment, to be deprived of Mann’s services just before the St. Joseph’s match, when the backs had to be reorganised, these were calamities. While on this subject we should like to express sympathy with Steinbeck and Mitchell, whose injuries have proved somewhat serious. We all hope that the recovery in both cases will be rapid and thorough.

Summing up, one may fairly say that, considering all the circumstances, the 1926 team played good football at various times, but not consistently good football, and that it was to this lack of consistency that most of its troubles were due.

We take this opportunity of thanking Old Boys for their interest and assistance—in particular “John” Wallace, who gave up much of his time to the team at the beginning of the season, Bill Alexander, who came down when opportunity offered, and Reg. Gostelow, who was ever ready to officiate with the whistle. The gratitude of the School is due also to those Masters who gave so much time and effort to the organisation of the Junior football and the coaching of the Junior teams. The success of these teams is at once a tribute to their good work and a source of encouragement as regards future prospects. Mr. Lenthall coached the Thirds and Fourths, and Mr. Dee the Fifts and Sixths, while Mr. Lyon, Mr. Crocker and Mr. Cooke looked after the Wednesday-Friday teams, with Mr. Crocker as a keen and capable organiser.

Appended are the results of 1st XV. matches:—

April 24.—v. S.C.E.G.S. (without rowers). Lost, 3-6.

May 8.—v. N.C. Won, 14-11.

May 15.—v. Armidale. Won, 22-3.

June 12.—v. T.K.S. Lost, 0-6.

June 19.—v. S.J.C. Won, 11-9.

June 24.—v. “Sheep and Wool.” Lost, 13-16.

June 26.—v. S.I.C. Lost, 14-16.

\*July 3.—v. S.H.S. Won, 15-3.

\*July 7.—v. T.K.S. Lost, 16-46.

\*July 15.—v. S.I.C. Won, 60-16.

\*July 24.—v. N.C. Lost, 9-12.

\*July 31.—v. S.J.C. Lost, 6-9.

\*August 7.—v. Scots. Won, 27-20.

\*August 14.—v. C.E.G.S. Won, 26-6.

\* Competition Matches.

H.A.R.

v. HIGH.—Won, 15 to 3.

This year's competition commenced with the High School match on our ground on Saturday, July 3. As rain had fallen continuously the previous day, it seemed that a postponement was indicated. However, there was no further rain on the Saturday and, as two of our matches had already been transferred to week days in consequence of the All Blacks' visit, it was decided to go on with the match although the ground was very wet and slippery. Gould i played in place of Mitchell who was injured the previous Saturday, and we took the field with the following team:—

Full-back, Grant; three-quarters, Campbell, Caldwell, Hemingway, Mann; halves, Gould i, Benson; forwards, Kenny, Bright, Gould ii, Cupitt, Whiddon, Spring, Phipps, Wheeler.

High School won the toss and we kicked off against a stiff breeze. Immediately we were put on the defensive and High School kept up the pressure continuously for the first ten minutes but were unable to score, as the greasy ball was difficult to handle and our defence was adequate, Grant in particular being very much on the job. Eventually the forwards worked play beyond half-way and for the first time we were brought within striking distance. Several times we initiated passing rushes from scrums and line-outs but on the whole these were more useful to our opponents than to ourselves, since the slippery ball was frequently dropped and High School were able to toe it on. At last a free was given to Grammar well outside the twenty-five and Gould ii., with a splendid kick, piloted the ball over the bar. Grammar 3, High School nil. Give and take play followed the kick-off and continued until half-time, the only other score being a penalty goal—another good kick—by S.H.S. Score, 3 all.

Immediately after the resumption it was evident that Grammar had changed tactics and were adapting play to the condition of the ground and making a forward game of it, with the backs standing well up until their opponents' twenty-five was reached. With the wind in our favour we soon had High School on the defensive and maintained the pressure practically the whole half, Grant relieving by good fielding and line-kicking whenever High School broke through. Tries were scored by Gould i and Campbell and a third was narrowly missed when Benson looked round for someone to take a pass instead of going for the line. Campbell's try was a specially good one, as the three-quarters combined nicely and handled the ball well. Gould ii also kicked two more penalty goals this half so that the final score was 15—3 in our favour.

—H.A.R.



v. T.K.S.

7th July, 1926.

Although this game was played on Wednesday on account of the International fixture on the Saturday, a big crowd made the journey to Parramatta.

Grammar won the toss and King's kicked off. Play was very even until off-side gave Grammar a free, which transferred play to King's half. From a scrum the ball was well heeled to the backs, Hemingway cut through and gave the ball to Caldwell who scored. Gould added the extras. Grammar 5—nil.

King's came with a great dash and heeled the ball to the backs. Egan failed with a field goal but Rouse soon after was successful. Grammar 5—4.

Grammar forwards now did yeoman service with solid tackling and hard rucking, but the backs did not support them and King's first try was the result of a weak tackle by the usually safe tackler, Mann. Egan added the extras. King's 9—5.

At this stage the loss Grant's absence meant to the team became most evident. Bad handling and weak kicking gave the forwards too much work to do, but they stuck to their guns and, led by the copper-tops, had King's defending hard. But King's backs now rose to heights of brilliancy and in quick succession, by dazzling passing and straight running, registered three tries, all of which were converted. King's thus led at half-time by 24—5.

The second spell opened well for Grammar. Revived by the spell the forwards took the ball to King's twenty-five where Hemingway gathered, cut in and scored. A nasty kick on the head affected his subsequent play. King's 24—8.

Play continued in King's half and from a passing rush, in which all the Grammar backs handled, a try was scored. No extras. King's 24—11. King's now began to find their feet, Grammar backs certainly didn't and as a result of bad tackling by Hemingway, Egan scored. King's 27—11.

King's backs now began beautiful movements, such as only backs with a complete understanding of each other could execute. That they were so successful was in part due to the bad tackling of the opposition, and many dummies were taken, with the result that King's scored five tries in quick succession and the score stood in their favour 46—11.

The game, in spite of the large scores, never looked one-sided and with a last desperate effort, Grammar backs made a dash and Mann went over in the corner, leaving the final scores King's 46; Grammar 16.

The game was very fast and was a victory for King's backs who handled and combined as well, probably, as any backs this scribe has ever seen. Grammar forwards were quite the equals of the opposing

eight, but the weakness of the inexperienced full-back threw too much work on their shoulders, and towards the end of the second half they began to tire.

King's did splendidly and well deserved their win. But, although the margin was 30 points, Grammar need not be ashamed of their effort against such a brilliant combination. The one weakness was in the tackling of the backs.

R.E.L.

v. ST. IGNATIUS.—Won, 60—16.

This match was played on our ground on Thursday, July 15. Grant made a welcome reappearance but Mitchell was still out through injuries and we fielded the same team as played High School. Kenny kicked off against a fair breeze. Riverview pressed hard, but Grant gained 50 yards with a good line kick. From a scrum Benson worked the blind side, passing to Mann who passed in to Gould who scored. The kick failed. Even play followed with good rucking on both sides, and eventually Johnson scored for 'View and Hughes converted from a difficult angle. Much loose play followed the kick-off with neither side gaining much advantage territorially. Then Ward secured for Riverview and kicked over the heads of Grammar backs and Lipscombe, following fast, scored for Ward to add the extra points. Riverview 10—3. Grammar now attacked and a good passing rush ended in Campbell being pushed out in the corner. Riverview cleared and even play followed for some time. Grammar then rushed play to 'View's 25 where Caldwell broke away, passed to Hemingway, back to Caldwell, to Campbell who scored near the posts. Gould ii converted. Riverview 10—8. Grammar continued to attack and tries were quickly added by Caldwell, Campbell and Gould ii, the last of which Hemingway converted. Grammar 19—10. Benson again worked the blind side and passed to Mann, back to Benson, to Phipps, to Hemingway who scored and converted. Grammar 24—10. Whid-don marked the kick-off and later Mann, gaining possession, made a good run but was brought down; Wheeler following on picked up and scored in the corner and converted with a fine kick. Riverview now took their turn at attacking. They gained possession and C. Hughes, making a good run, scored in the corner. Grammar 29—13. Next Benson broke away and passed to Caldwell, to Campbell who scored. Grammar 32—13. A fine rush, in which all the backs handled well, resulted in Mann being tackled. Benson picked up and passed to Gould i, who scored. Hemingway converted, making the scores 37—13. Loose play followed and Riverview brought play into our twenty-five. Ward failed with a penalty kick and Grant relieved temporarily but Riverview renewed the attack and Burfitt scored an unconverted try. Grammar 37—16. The rest of the scoring was ours. Gould ii did a long kick-off and Mann, following on fast, scored. No goal. Play centred around half-way for a while. Riverview broke

through but Grammar cleared. Grammar backs and forwards were throwing the ball about well but Riverview defended stubbornly and clearing, rushed play to our 25, putting us on the defensive and compelling us to force. Even play followed. Then Gould i cross kicked and Campbell came on fast but was tackled after a good run. Phipps picked up in the loose and passed to Gould ii, who scored and converted. Grammar 45—16. Next Gould i cut through and passed to Caldwell, who scored. Then Bright gained possession and with a clear field scored between the posts. Finally Benson passed to Gould i, to Hemingway, who ran half the field, beating several men and scored. Hemingway converted the last three tries and the game ended with the score 60—16 in Grammar's favour.

H.A.R.

v. N.C.

At Stanmore, 24th July.

This match was played under ideal conditions save for a rather unpleasant westerly wind, in the presence of a good crowd. Newington won the toss and took advantage of the wind, defending from the Gymnasium end. From the kick-off Newington forwards, attacking strongly, rushed play to the Grammar line where play ebbed and flowed for some minutes, but finally Cowper scored in a hard position. Newington 3—nil. In the rest of this half the dominant feature was the success of the Newington forwards, especially the breakaways, in smothering any attempt at a passing move, for although our hooker repeatedly won the ball, Benson was just as repeatedly smothered by the Stanmore breakaways, and consequently our team had little chance to score, except by penalties, of which, however we were never able to take advantage. A great many penalties were incurred by our forwards, with the result that Newington scored six more points in quick succession, both fine kicks by Cowper. Half-time. N.C. 9—0.

On the resumption of play the home team once more attacked strongly, this time with a series of nice passing movements, but our three-quarters rarely failed to bring their man. After about twenty minutes' play Kenny led his forwards in a fine forward movement, and the ball, coming from the ruck, went to Benson, to Tom Gould, to Caldwell, and finally to Mann, who scored an excellent try in a fair position. Joe Gould failed to convert. N.C., 9; Grammar, 3.

Shortly after Newington gained another free, and Cowper goaled with a fine kick. N.C., 12; S.G.S., 3.

It was now near the close of the game, and realising this Grammar hammered at the defence again and again, but was always thrust back by grim tackling. Eventually, however, the ball travelled from the scrum to Benson, Hemingway, Caldwell and Campbell, who, eluding, or fending off, several opponents, went on to score a brilliant try in the corner. The kick failed. Newington, 12; Grammar, 6. Heartened by this success our team began to dominate the play.



keeping Newington on the defensive. But time was against us. We had made our run too late. Nevertheless, just on time Campbell, running with characteristic determination, scored another fine try, leaving the final scores, Newington, 12; Grammar, 9. We had scored three tries to one and were yet beaten.

D.G.

v. S.J.C.

31st July, 1926.

Rumour gave Grammar no chance of defeating Joey's, and it appeared sheer optimism and loyalty that brought so many Grammar supporters up to Hunter's Hill. St. Joseph's ground has been changed round and now runs the proper way, doing away with the unfair handicap on the teams that ran with the sun in their eyes.

From the start it was evident that Grammar was going to make it a fast game. Winning the toss, Grammar chose the northern end, and immediately their backs were set in motion, but Joey's defence was good. Repeated dashes by both sets of backs were met by strong tackling. Grant at full-back made a fine save after Grammar backs had been caught out of position.

Joey's failed with a fine attempt at a field goal. Then Grammar forwards, headed by Kenny and Phipps, took play to their opponents' line, where Hemingway dropped at goal without success. Two free kicks brought play to Grammar's twenty-five where Cullen worked the blind side and sent Carlton over in the corner. Joey's 3—nil.

Play continued hard and a few minor injuries held the game up. Wheeler in the line out was obtaining his fair share of the ball, and often threw back well, for the backs to get going, but the tackling of the opposition was deadly. Grant relieved a nasty position with a fine line kick, and from the line out in Joey's half the ball was passed along the backs to Campbell, who with a determined run raced through the full back and dived over in the corner. Three all.

Joey's attacked hard but Caldwell intercepted a pass and Wheeler kicked out in Joey's twenty-five. A breach gave Joey's a free kick but Grant marked well and sent play back again. At this stage the barracking was intense and one Joey's barracker mistook this reporter's ankle for a football. When next we concentrated on the game proper Campbell was running strongly from his own twenty-five to Joey's twenty-five. But a fine passing rush brought play to Grammar's line where Joey's heeled to the half, the forwards opened up and the half dived through to score a pretty try. Joey's 6—3. Joey's again looked dangerous but Grant saved with a glorious tackle. Half-time found the scores unchanged.

Upon resumption of play, Joey's attacked and Carlton was forced out. For an infringement in the scrum, Joey's were awarded a penalty in front of the goal but Cullen's kick lacked direction. Both packs of forwards were battling fiercely, and many solid tackles resulted. Play

was held up for three minutes while injuries were attended to. By hard rucking, Grammar forwards took the ball to Joey's line where Joey's were penalised for off-side play. Gould landed a nice goal. Six all.

Grammar forwards now seemed to slacken and Joey's had the ball on Grammar's line for fifteen minutes, but the defence did not weaken, and Grant at last relieved with a well judged kick.

Hemingway put in a fine run but the pass went astray. Joey's then broke through a line out and play was transferred to Grammar half. From a scrum on Grammar's line Joey's half scored a second try in much the same way as his first. The forwards opened up and the half dived over. Such an old trick should have been watched for, especially as it had been already successful. As usual, no extras were added. Joey's 9—6.

Joey's continued to press and a free was awarded them in a good position but no points resulted. Grant transferred play to half way with a beautiful kick, and Phipps with a nice kick took play right on to Joey's line. The ball was about to be thrown in when a faint tingle was heard above the roar of Grammar's barrackers, evidently the custodian of the bell getting excited, but no, after play was held up while the referee cocked his ear and listened closely, the bell loudly pealed and the game closed with Grammar on Joey's line, but the latter in the lead, 9—6.

Thus ended one of the most exciting of games. Joey's had the better of the second half, and deserved to win. It was anyone's game right to the last.

The forwards acquitted themselves well and Wheeler in the line out was an outstanding figure. Hitherto a forward, Gould played well in the backs and Antill, up from the Thirds replacing Mann (hurt at practice), performed ably in keeping the speedy Carlton very quiet. Grant at full back was the outstanding player on the field, his handling, tackling and kicking leaving nothing to be desired.

R.E.L.

v. T.S.C.

7th August, 1926.

Scots won the toss and defended the Paddington end. They started off in fine style, and a bad pass allowed them to take the offensive. From a scrum in Grammar's twenty-five, the ball was heeled and sent to Miller who cut in and scored. Stewart's kick went true. T.S.C. 5—nil.

Grammar's team seemed to lack determination, and were content to let the game slip along. From a burst by the forwards, with Whiddon to the fore, Campbell secured, but after a determined run was forced out in the corner. A free kick to Scots relieved the pressure. Grammar came again. Hemingway cut through and passed to Gould, who scored. No goal. Scots, 5—3.

The play now brightened up. Kenny and Phipps led a forward burst, but Stewart, Scots' full-back, sent them back with a great kick. Both full-backs were getting great length with their kicks, but Grant was not handling cleanly. Bad passing prevented Grammar backs from finishing off promising movements. Phipps, with a fine line kick, brought play to Scots' half, but a free relieved. Scots followed on fast from a kick, and nearly scored when the bounce beat Grant. For a breach from the ensuring scrum, Stewart landed a penalty goal. Scots, 8—3. Grammar came again, and Gould made an opening for Antill to score. Gould converted. 8 all.

Stewart gained much ground by his line kicking, and Grammar forwards had hard work to neutralise the effect of it. Before half-time Stewart kicked two nice penalty goals, and Scots led at the adjournment by 14—8.

Soon after resumption they increased their lead, with yet another penalty goal, to 17—8. Bad passing and handling prevented Grammar from scoring, until Hemingway ran around and scored. He also kicked the goal. Scots, 17—13. Grammar backs now began to liven up and after Campbell had put in a good run, Kenny picked up and dived across. Hemingway converted with a magnificent kick. Grammar leads, 18—17. Play continued very even. Kenny and Gould both looked like scoring, but knocks-on nullified their efforts. Scots were caught offside, and Hemingway increased the lead with a penalty. Grammar, 21—17. A good kick by Grant, followed by a sterling tackle by Caldwell, put Grammar in a position for Antill to run right round from his wing and enable Gould to score. No goal. Grammar, 24—17.

A penalty goal to each side made the scores Grammar 27—20. Kennedy (T.S.C.) was hurt and left the field. The play continued with bad handling and bad passing on both sides, and the scores unchanged.

Stewart's kicking was the feature of the game and stood out for Scots. He converted the solitary try and kicked five penalties. Grammar forwards lacked devil, with the exception of Kenny, Phipps and Whiddon. Of the backs Hemingway showed a nice cut-in, but passed poorly. Gould ran straight and hard. The game was more solid than brilliant.

R.E.L.

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#### S.G.S. v. S.C.E.G.S.

Won 26—6.

With no wind blowing, Shore kicked off. Play was at once brought into mid-field, and remained there for an appreciable time. Both teams were showing a lack of vim. From a passing rush Gould secured and crossed. The kick failed. Grammar now had the best of the game, and after several times just failing to score,



the ball was passed to Campbell, who scored. Again the kick failed. The forwards now had their turn and Wheeler scored. The kick was successful. Play remained in Grammar's half, and many rushes on Shore's part came near to a score for them, but failed owing to faulty handling. Play reverted to Shore's twenty-five, and Campbell again crossed. The kick went over. Half-time scores, S.G.S. 16—0.

In the second half Grammar infused more life into the play. Securing the ball from the majority of the scrums and line-outs, the backs had plenty of opportunities, but many of these were nullified by Shore's good tackling and our own faulty handling. Caldwell made the mistake of running too much across the field. He might have passed sooner and saved his wings from being jammed on the touch line. However, two good tries were scored as the result of combined movements, one by Campbell, which was converted by Gould and the second by Antill, who beat the full-back after a good run. Hemingway goaled. Antill very nearly scored again in the same way, but this time he was stopped by the full-back and the pass went astray. Shore scored 6 points during this half, comprising a try by Foulsham, who beat Grant badly, and an excellent penalty goal by the same player from half-way. Grant made four attempts at field goals in handy positions, all decent kicks, but all unsuccessful. At full time the scores were 26—6 in our favour.

H.A.R.

#### FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

*Grant*.—A splendid full-back, who saved his side time and again with his excellent fielding, tackling and line-kicking. Occasionally a little too deliberate with his kick. Left foot not much in evidence.

*Mann*.—Vice-captain. Essentially a wing-three-quarter, in which position he gained several good tries. Also played usefully at five-eighth early in the season. Fast and runs strongly, but requires room to get going.

*Caldwell*.—Fair centre-three-quarter; as a rule handled well. Tackling good generally. Is learning to draw his man before passing.

*Hemingway*.—Seemed slower than last season; handling not so good. Possesses an excellent cut-in. Goal-kicking with the shorter-kicks mostly very good.

*Campbell*.—Much improved in attack and defence; runs hard and plays with grit. Does not think quickly enough when cornered. Sometimes runs into the tackle. Scored some good tries.

*Benson*.—Not a strong half, but did fairly well both in attack and defence. Apt to be hustled in a tight corner.

*Kenny*.—A conscientious captain who worked with unremitting zeal in the interests both of his team and school football generally. Made a very fair breakaway, but his game was affected by the responsibilities of the captaincy.

*Bright.*—Possesses weight, but too slow-moving for a lock. Useful forward when thoroughly aroused, but frequently sluggish.

*Gould ii.*—Strong runner, but does not fend. Has not learnt the breakaway game thoroughly yet, but has performed usefully there. At present playing outer centre. Kicked some good goals from the longer distances, though of late he has not been so successful.

*Whiddon.*—Hard-working forward who frequently breaks through in the loose. Is doing quite well in the second row. Should try to think more quickly.

*Cupitt.*—At present inexperienced, but should do well next year. Keen and always trying to get to the ball.

*Spring.*—Good type of forward, who should do well next year. Plays with something like dash.

*Phipps.*—Excellent forward—strong and experienced. No pace, but always seemed able to get to the ball. When the pack settled down, won the ball frequently in the scrums.

*Wheeler.*—One of our best forwards; a hard worker in the ruck. With Phipps gets to the ball quickly. Does specially good work in the line-out. Gets well up in the air.

*Dundas.*—A strong forward, but "moody" and unreliable.

*Antill.*—Came up when Mann was injured; shows distinct promise on the wing; gets into his stride quickly; tackles and handles very fairly.

H.A.R.

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#### 2ND XV.

The early practices and matches gave ground for the belief that the 2nd XV. would develop into a very fair team. Unfortunately injuries amongst the backs in both the 1st and 2nd fifteens caused so much dislocation in the Seconds' three-quarter line that it was difficult to work up the necessary combination, and, as there was no outstanding pace amongst the backs, tries were so much the harder to score. The forwards were an even lot and gave a good account of themselves. The best of the backs were Gould i, the captain, who played three matches with the firsts, Blundell i, who tackled well, and Bryant. In the case of the forwards it is difficult to particularise, as they have all shown good form at various times, but perhaps the most consistent were Steel, who played an excellent game as centre-forward, Mason (vice-captain), Stephenson and Gourlay.

In Competition matches the Seconds have won four matches out of seven. Like the Firsts, they were successful in the four home matches, and of the three defeats sustained, one only—that inflicted by St. Joseph's—was decisive.

Altogether in Competition matches they scored 118 points as against 64 put up by their opponents.

The following are the results of the Competition:—

- July 3.—v. S.H.S. Won, 47-3.
- July 7.—v. T.K.S. Lost, 5-8.
- July 15.—v. S.I.C. Won, 23-8.
- July 24.—v. N.C. Lost, 9-11.
- July 31.—v. S.J.C. Lost, 5-31.
- August 7.—v. T.S.C. Won, 23-0.
- August 14.—v. C.E.G.S. Won, 6-3.

H.A.R.

### 3RD XV.

The Thirds—captained by Rossell—have developed into a very good side. Their combination has been interfered with from time to time owing to injuries in teams higher up. They have lost two matches this season. Of the forwards—who are a very even, hard-working lot—Broadbent and Dettmann are the pick. The latter shows great promise as a breakaway. In the backs Saunders, Rossell, Chegwyn and, of late, Stiles have played well.

#### MATCHES.

- v. N.C. Won, 45-6.
- v. T.K.S. Won, 24-11.
- v. S.J.C. Won, 16-0.
- v. S.I.C. Won, 50-0.
- v. T.K.S. Lost, 12-28.
- v. N.C. Won, 36-3.
- v. S.J.C. Lost, 3-6.
- v. T.S.C. Won, 63-0.
- v. C.E.G.S. Won, 25-6.

F.A.L.

### 4TH XV.

The Fourths are very little inferior to the Thirds. They have lost only one match this season. Every member of the team is a good, keen, hard worker. Their success has been due very largely to the excellent manner in which they have been handled by their captain, McArthur. All the forwards have played well. Webster, in the backs, has played very well.


#### MATCHES.

- v. N.C. Won, 46-0.
- v. T.K.S. Won, 9-8.
- v. S.J.C. Lost, 6-11.
- v. Barker 2nds. Won, 58-0.
- v. S.H.S. 3rds. Won, 15-0.
- v. T.K.S. Won, 20-0.
- v. S.J.C. Drew, 6-6.
- v. S.H.S. 3rds. Won, 40-0.
- v. C.E.G.S. Won, 21-5.

F.A.L.



# ROWING



## Notes.

Roy. C. Wheelihan

This year's regatta was an eventful one, which deserves to be remembered in more than one regard. However, the greatest blow fell when Grammar was eliminated from the final, being able to row only third to High School and St. Josephs. Our Eight on the day was not up to the standard of the others. The crew were plainly suffering from the effects of an attack of influenza.

The First Four, after rowing a very plucky race, went under to better crews. However, our Second Four rowed well in the heats and was only narrowly beaten by King's School in the final. They deserve special mention because they were the lightest four boated by the school for many years.

It is only too plain that, with the ever-increasing popularity of the G.P.S. Regatta, more efficient methods for keeping the course clear must be adopted. This regatta was marred by the encroachment of ferry traffic on to the course, spoiling the First Fours' race and delaying the Head of the River for almost forty-five minutes. We earnestly hope that measures will be adopted to prevent a recurrence of this.

We here take the opportunity of offering our heartiest congratulations to High School on winning the Head of the River title for the second year in succession. Also to St. Joseph's and Shore on their fine displays. They were beaten by feet only.

We also congratulate King's School on winning both events for fours.

Grammar were among the early practice eights on the river, and on numerous occasions were able to boat an eight during the third term of last year. As time went on it was apparent that we were a "rough Eight" and the coach often had a sore throat brought on by hurling personal remarks through the megaphone. Much practice was missed this year through the crew not being allowed to sleep in the camp during the Christmas Holidays.

The re-introduction of the trial fours was a success and showed that we had some quite good raw material to work on.

The crew were allowed to sleep in the camp over Friday nights, during the first term of this year. It was a very successful arrangement, and should be continued if possible. The camp cooks brought to light on these occasions many strange and weird dishes, which usually savoured of onions and rice. Tom Gould gave us always

good breakfasts up to time, no easy task with one small stove for 20 people.

Mrs. Savigny, who is well-known to all rowers past and present, again became as a mother to us. The kitchen always shone with a new-found glory on the days Mrs. Savigny was expected. Mrs. Sav. never failed to bring along a bundle of tea-towels, which never failed to disappear before her next visit. Our singlets were again trimmed under her expert care and also presented by her to the members of the crews at Assembly prior to her departure for the Continent. The camp presented Mrs. Sav. with a hand bag as a mark of appreciation and thanked her for all her care.

A Flappers' Day was held in March and the crews did their best to impress their visitors by dashes past the pontoon. All were relieved that Mr. Mackenzie spared our feelings on that day. The Old Sydneians' Band, headed by Alan Stewart, a well-known school rower of recent years, chose this occasion to present a new set of racing oars, which were accepted by the captain for the school. Alan Stewart headed his merry band in giving the rowers a Training Dance just prior to the period of strict training for the race.

A camp concert was held during the camp before the race. Every member of the crews sang, and some acquitted themselves creditably whilst others did their best to make the evening a boisterous success. The "Stars" of the performance were Brown, the two Goulds and Bright, Tom Gould giving a very good imitation of Mr. Mackenzie at his top. The *Daily Guardian* photographer came up one wet evening and gave a very interesting lantern lecture, which all enjoyed thoroughly. We hope for further visits next year.

Mr. Dee sportingly camped with us during the few weeks immediately prior to the race, to see that certain ones attended to their homework. He obviously enjoyed his camp, which certain members tried to make more lively and interesting.

Mrs. W. P. Phipps, on hearing our need of a new racing craft, very graciously made available the necessary funds. We watched the boat's daily progress under George Town's skilful workmanship and were more than satisfied with the result. The crew take this opportunity of offering thanks. The boat was named the "W. P. Phipps."

This year we were saddled with a baker's bill from the last year's camp, but Miss Bright generously donated a cushion which was raffled at the fête, almost paying the total of the bill.

The camp expresses its gratitude to the Mesdames MacKenzie, Gowing, Ludowici, Kenny and the Misses Stewart. These ladies were always present at every function and worked hard over a smoking fire cooking our steak on the race days. Thanks are especially due to Miss Marie Stewart, who has for the past nine years made the pennants for the boats. Miss Stewart is about to be married and

wishes to relinquish this work. However it is hoped she will still be one of our regular visitors. We wish her all good luck.

A novel method of getting rid of the "bow" of the Eight was adopted by Mr. MacKenzie this year. For on one occasion when rowing home, he was more interested in certain members of the crew than in the river. The boat stopped suddenly and on looking round to see what we had run into, we saw our "bow" well up in the air, falling into the water. However, he clambered back luckily none the worse. Miraculously the boat was not damaged. A bent channel post in the stream marks the spot of this experience.

Owing to examinations and unavoidable visits to the country the Old Boys were missed in this year's camp. Old Boys are always welcomed and we hope next year will see them rolling up in full force. Special mention should be made of Oscar Street who was a regular visitor.

Few people realise the part played by a coach in preparing his crew for a race. The crew comes to lean on him as only those can tell who leave him for the last time to go to the starting post. It is then that one realises the coach's part. He spends many sleepless nights before the race, and infuses enthusiasm and the "never chuck it" spirit which is in all Grammar crews. Mr. MacKenzie is respected by all who come in contact with him. Old Boys are always proud of the success he has had with the school, and hope that the fates are kinder next year.

Mr. Blundell gave a very enjoyable dinner on the night of the boat race final, to the whole camp. It was a very enjoyable function, for which we cordially thank him. Mr. Cureton, whose son filled the bow position of the Eight for two years, again gave us a very fine dinner and picnic party at Thirroul on the day after the heats. He also is tendered our hearty thanks.

At a meeting of the camp last term, Gould ii and Russell were nominated for election as Captain and Vice-Captain respectively for next year.—Congratulations.

—W.J.F.P., *Captain of Boats.*

#### THE CREWS.

*Eight*.—W. D. McMahon (9-13, bow), J. G. Gourlay (11-0, 2), B. Kenny (11-0, 3), F. Dundas (11-1, 4), A. B. Gould (12-5, 5), E. A. Bright (12-3, 6), F. A. Russell (10-10, 7), W. J. Phipps (11-2, stroke), F. H. Gowing (8-9, cox).

*First Four*.—R. B. Campbell (bow), W. H. Hemingway (2), N. D. Wheeler (3), D. F. Stewart (stroke), S. W. McMahon (cox).

*Second Four*.—L. M. Mowle (bow), W. S. Brown (2), J. Slack-Smith (3), J. C. Loxton (stroke), A. W. Clough (cox).



# THE COACH'S CRITICISM OF THE EIGHT.

*W. J. Phipps* (stroke).—His rowing greatly improved. The shoulders were carried well forward and in a strong position at the catch. The blade work was clean, firm and powerful. At the finish of the stroke there was a tendency to lag, caused through the shoulders and legs not blending. He has the power and determination of a good stroke and always handled his crew well. He also made an excellent captain of the boats.

*F. A. Russell* (7).—The movement and balance on the stretcher was very good. The blade work was clean and firm. He is cool-headed and keeps good time. He occupied a very important position and did well.

*E. A. Bright* (6).—He backed his stroke up well. The length and ease of body swing, the timing of the catch and the power in the water were very good. In swinging the blade forward there was a danger of crabbing, through the feather being too flat, caused by the inside hand releasing the grip on the oar.

*A. B. Gould* (5).—He made wonderful progress, and was a tower of strength in the crew. The shoulder lift and leg-drive were well timed. The blade was clean and firm. On the recovery the hands and shoulders were smart. He has the power and movement of a first-class oarsman.

*F. G. Dundas* (4).—The ease of slide and length of body swing was very good. The blade work was clean and powerful. The finish of the stroke was weakened through not holding the shoulders up and ripping the hands home to the body.

*B. V. Kenny* (3).—If the hands and shoulders were not held so rigid the body would swing with more freedom. The blade work was clean and powerful, but the timing faulty. He is very strong, with good staying power.

*J. G. Gourlay* (2).—The shoulders were carried well forward and in a strong position at the catch. The blade was clean and firm. The shoulder lift and leg-drive powerful. The finish of the stroke was faulty, through the shoulders going back too far and the recovery late.

*W. D. McMahon* (bow).—He had a free movement, with a good length of body swing. The hands were smart and the blade work clean. Although on the small side he rowed a powerful blade.

*S. H. Gowing* (cox).—Very good. He is cool and has good judgment. Unfortunately he was unable to demonstrate his good qualities, as the crew was not well on the day of the race.

GEO. MACKENZIE.



# DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Mr. W. F. Jackson came to Grammar in 1912 and since 1914 the Dramatic Society has produced something of value every year, with a gap from 1917 to 1920. This year it offered two plays with the following casts:—

## *The Author.*

The Wife .....	Miss Adele Quinn
The Husband .....	David Garnsey
The Lover .....	H. H. Loewenthal
The Author .....	E. R. Palfreyman

## *The Romantic Age.*

By A. A. Milne—in three acts.

Mrs. Mary Knowle .....	Miss Alice Gould
Jane (her Niece) .....	Miss Molly Devenish-Meares
Melisande (her Daughter) .....	Miss Beryl Jackson
Mr. Henry Knowle .....	Raymond Johnson
Bobby Coote .....	David Garnsey
Alice .....	Miss Beryl Fletcher
Gervase Mallory .....	W. L. Power
Ern .....	Bruce Hill
Gentleman Susan .....	Mr. W. F. Jackson

This short notice concerns only the third, or Old Boys' Night, when the performance ran smoothly and well and met with the hearty approval of an audience fully capable of appreciating the good fare provided. The one possible adverse criticism relates to the choice of plays to be presented to a schoolboy audience which cannot, one hopes, be expected to distinguish "the eternal triangle" of a matrimonial tangle from the *Pons Asinorum*, and which has hardly, even nowadays, attained to the romantic age. There are rumours that the school was rather bored—but that is another story. On the final night, at any rate, the performance of the Grammar School Dramatic Society gave great pleasure to an audience which might well have been larger, but could hardly have been more appreciative.

All the actors were good—a rare thing in an amateur cast. In the curtain raiser, Garnsey was excellent and excellently supported. Loewenthal's moustache was a triumph of truculence and in itself justified Miss Quinn in her final decision to prefer her myriad-mooded but comparatively clean-cut husband. *The Romantic Age* was well cast and well played. The School, no doubt, chose Ern as possessing the most winning personality and looked more coldly on

Mrs. Knowle. Miss Gould may be congratulated on a remarkably sustained piece of character study, in which she completely submerged her own individuality. (This must not be taken as implying that Bruce Hill is twin to Ern in private life). The School, which does not dig deep in play psychology, perhaps regarded Gentleman Susan also as an excrescence; he too was depicted, lovingly and lovably, by an old-stager, who is always convincing and who had not to look far to understand this kindly, old world philosopher. Johnson was very good, but he will never be as good as he was two years ago as Snout the tailor in the *Midsummer Night's Dream* interlude: no one could. The four young people who, in their different ways, set forth the "romantic age," were all of them pleasing; they all of them fitted in. Power has developed greatly as an actor, his words were clearly delivered and he avoided being self-conscious in a most difficult part. Garnsey was equally good; his play of feature and of fingers was very effective. The two young ladies, Jane and Melisande, each in her own way and in adorable contrast, played with charm and grace and made the devotion of their swains more excusable, and even inevitable, than it is in most theatrical love-making. Indeed, the appeal of the play lay largely in its naturalness. We laughed with our friends on the stage and not at them.

We congratulate the Society on yet another success. As always, great credit is due to the producer, Mr. Jackson, who was this year aided by Mr. Kenneth Manning. It was a really good show, aiming high and not missing. But not quite a school show. Of the dozen performers, six were boys at the school. Would it be worth while trying boys, if not as actresses, at least as "actorines"? The Society might not challenge comparison, as it perhaps did this year, with the Repertory or the Players, but the School would take a kindly and seemly interest in the experiment. This is a mere suggestion and does not overlook the great debt that we owe to all the ladies, some of whom, Miss Gould, Miss Jackson, and Miss Quinn, have helped us now for several years; we admit, frankly and generously, that they play female parts better than we could.

H.S.D.

### WHY STUDY?

The more you study, the more you know;

The more you know, the more you forget;

The more you forget, the less you know.

So why study?

The less you study, the less you know;

The less you know, the less you forget;

The less you forget, the more you know.

So why study?

"RING" (V.I.B.).





The Inter-School debating competition began this term. The schools were divided into two groups, the winners in both groups to compete in the final debate. Our group includes Scots' College, St. Joseph's, and Riverview; in the other are Shore, Newington, King's, and Sydney High. Both groups discuss the same subjects, but each has a different adjudicator.

Our first debate was against Scots'. We had to oppose the motion that "The Future of Australia lies rather with U.S.A. than with Britain." Our opponents were led by Edwards; our team consisted of Power (leader), Garnsey and Webster. All spoke well, and we won by 22 points, our leader's reply speech contributing largely to the victory.

Our next was against St. Joseph's. For this, our team travelled to the College on a cold and frosty night, accompanied by two supporters, whose names deserve honorable mention, Harris and Maclean. We had to affirm that "A Separate League of Nations should be formed for the Southern Hemisphere."

As we look to Simblist to form one of our team next year, we were anxious to give him experience in inter-school debating, so Garnsey stood down for that purpose. We ran some risk in pitting an inexperienced speaker against a strong team like St. Joseph's, but the experiment was justified, for Simblist was specially mentioned by the adjudicator as a very promising debater.

Our team therefore consisted of Power (leader), Simblist and Webster, and the College team, Cullen (leader), Rowe and Byrne, three prominent footballers who played with the 1st XV. against us on the following day.

The subject was a difficult one, but both teams acquitted themselves excellently, so that the adjudicator, Mr. Gee, found it impossible to separate them, and announced a draw.

The next debate will be against Riverview at S.G.S., on the night of August 20, when we shall affirm "That Australia is depending too much on England for Education and Culture, and too little on her own individual circumstances and needs."

Our team will be Power, Garnsey and Webster.

K.B.F.L.

## ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

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AN Entrance Examination will be held at the School at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 9th November. It is desirable that boys who wish to enter the School next February should attend. Success entitles them to priority of admission. A Weigall Memorial Entrance Scholarship is awarded in this examination, and the Trustees also allot a free place to the next best candidate, if worthy, entitling him to full remission of fees. The subjects are those usually taught in Preparatory Schools. It should be noted that six additional scholarships, covering free tuition and a grant for books, are awarded by the School on the results of the Department of Education's High School Entrance Examination, held at the end of October. In this case, candidates must notify the Department, on the requisite form, that their preference is for the Sydney Grammar School. The subjects are those commonly taken in the State primary schools.

## THE VISIT TO HAWKESBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

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DURING the last week of the holidays a team consisting of Power (leader), Garnsey, Palfreyman and McMahon, journeyed to Hawkesbury Agricultural College to debate against the representatives of that institution. Mr. Dee accompanied the team to act as an adjudicator in company with a representative of the College and an outsider. We were met at the station by a buggy, and driven up to the College. The ride was enlivened by McMahon, who insisted on singing, "Thanks for the Buggy Ride."

During the afternoon we were shown over the grounds by our hosts, and very interesting they were (both hosts and grounds). When we arrived at the swimming baths, Power proposed, and McMahon seconded the motion, "That we avail ourselves of the opportunity and have a swim." The motion was, however, rejected on account of the temperature. When we entered the dining-room for tea Garnsey and Palfreyman were so disconcerted by the applause which greeted their entrance that they attempted to take the seat of the Principal of the College.

When at last the team entered the arena, it viewed the world through such rose-coloured spectacles that it seemed almost a pity to have to have to defeat such excellent hosts. Fortunately, things did not come to such a bad pass, as the adjudicators unanimously declared our opponents, Defrees (leader), Maloney, Carse and Harper, the victors. The margin of victory was four points out of one hundred. The only one of the speakers who need be mentioned individually is Carse, who stood out as the best speaker on either side.

The team slept the night in rooms which all opened on the same

corridor, and proceedings were enlivened accordingly. No one, however, was seriously injured. About four o'clock, McMahon, who had expressed a wish to assist in the milking, came tramping round in what seemed to the writer to be military boots. Having succeeded in his apparent object of banishing the spirit of sleep from his neighbours, he again betook himself to the arms of Morpheus.

Breakfast was at 6.30. The team rose at 6.29, and, not availing itself of the cold showers, hastened to the (literally) groaning board. After breakfast the team adjourned to the gymnasium, but failed in its object of damaging itself sufficiently to warrant a non-appearance at School on the next Tuesday.

W.L.P.

#### S.G.S. SPORTS FUND COMMITTEE.

THE Committee wishes to record its appreciation of Mr. Gordon Russell (O.S.), and Wormald Bros. who presented to the School the roller equipment of the scoring board. It is pleasant to see that Mrs. Leslie still keeps her interest in the School and especially in School Cricket. She has just forwarded a further £17/10/- towards defraying the cost of the scoring board. This brings the amount obtained by Mrs. Leslie's efforts up to £69, with more to come.

A new institution at the ground is a Saturday Tuck Shop run by Mrs. Kenny and a band of helpers, who also supply afternoon tea to visitors and to the teams. The institution seems to be very popular and therefore successful. The School is indebted to Mrs. Kenny for her courage in tackling a difficult task.

The ground has shown during the season the benefit of the treatment it received at the end of last season, but the ideal has yet to be attained of raising the level of the ground by at least two feet.

Until this is done there will always be great difficulty, especially in wet seasons. Many minor improvements have been made on the ground, such as a new cement bed round the fountain, new tables in the pavilion, and considerable alteration in the kitchen. A hot shower has been installed in the coach's room, but acting on responsible advice, and after much thought, the Committee decided not to instal them downstairs. The ventilation of the dressing rooms has been improved, and several repairs are being effected at the Curator's Cottage and adjoining buildings.

As in previous seasons the ground has been occupied by the New South Wales Rugby Union Teams when not occupied by School Teams, and we are glad that the Armidale School on their recent visit to Sydney were able to make use of the ground for training. Practice cricket pitches will be dressed in the next week and, given a good season, the ground should look nearly its best for the Athletic Sports Meeting on September 25th.

R.B.





# THE BOXING TOURNAMENT

THE Boxing Tournament may have started by the time we go to press. It will be held on August 20th, 24th, 26th, and 31st. The number of entries constitutes a record for the School and the increase has made necessary an extra day. For the third year in succession Mr. Weyland will act as referee, a position in which he has always been popular. The price of admission is one shilling, the school having the concession of a "season" ticket at that price. Each contest will be of three two-minute rounds and the first on each day will start at 3.30 (probably at 3 on the final day).

## A BOXING TOURNAMENT.

A BOXING tournament was held in I.I.A room on May 6; it was a great success. Eight shillings and five pence were taken at the door, which went to the hospital funds. It was managed by three boys of I.I.A form.

The first fight was between Hooper and Loewenthal. It was a good fight, Hooper doing all the attacking. Hooper was at a disadvantage because he was smaller, but he was smarter. Hooper won the fight.

The second fight was between Mills and Brown v; it was an exciting fight, both boys fighting hard to win. Brown was crowned at the end.

The third fight was between Rose and Layton; it was too much on one side, Rose outpointing Layton. Layton was a brave loser.

The fourth fight was between Junghans and Baker, the two boys hopped around the ring a lot waiting for one to attack, and when they attacked they would hit hard. In the fight there was a lot of shouldering done by Junghans which he was warned for. The fight was a draw.

The last fight was between Brown iv and Playfair; it was the most exciting fight of all. Playfair has a strong body punch which troubled Brown a lot. Playfair has a habit of putting his head down which Brown took advantage of and hit hard then followed up. Brown was the winner.

Tommy Hanley attended the show and was very pleased with the performers and attendance.

J.B. and L.H. (I.I.A.).



Dear *Sydneian*,—

I note that in the List of Captains of the Cricket Team you place me as filling that position in '76 and F. Baylis for '77-8-9. This is not correct as I was Captain through the two seasons '76 and '77 and in December, '77, captained the second match against Melbourne on the Albert Ground.

I have no desire to detract from the honours of Fred Baylis, who was a real good sport and close friend of mine, but I think that these records should be kept correct as far as is possible.

Yours truly,

S. W. WEBB.

St. Andrew's College,  
The University.

Dear *Sydneian*,—

When I sent along a summary of school cricket for the last issue I was certain that I had checked the figures till they were tolerably accurate. That impression was soon dispelled by a letter from a former captain, Geoff Street, in which he pointed out a large number of mistakes. I offer my apologies for the imperfections and send these corrections so that a future historian will not be led astray by my early misstatements. I may claim, as a partial excuse, that many matches were not reported in full in some *Sydneians*, so that in checking over the figures recently I have been forced to search through old files of the *Sydney Morning Herald* to fill in the gaps. However, in many places my arithmetic and transcription of figures alone were at fault.

I did not make it plain that the summary covered all G.P.S. competition matches, Melbourne Grammar matches and St. Peter's College matches.

#### CORRECTIONS.

##### BATTING—900 OR MORE RUNS.

The figures given for those batsmen not mentioned here are correct. Of the others, C. E. Trumper, D. G. Hull and B. C. Evans should not have been included as their totals were 898, 801 and 882 respectively. Of these, Evans has completed his 1,000 runs since

Christmas. The corrected records of the other batsmen read:—

	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs.	Aver.
J. E. Pratten .....	36	6	212	1,529	50.96
F. M. Farrar .....	31	2	229	1,518	52.34
M. B. Hesslein .....	38	2	243	1,478	40.70
J. D. Leslie .....	43	0	183	1,126	26.18
C. H. Mackenzie .....	37	4	149	1,014	30.72
H. H. Datson .....	27	3	130	977	40.70
R. C. Stafford .....	32	4	150	947	33.82
C. V. Gale .....	20	1	144	921	48.47

#### BATSMEN SCORING FIVE OR MORE CENTURIES.

F. M. Farrar's name should be added to those scoring five.

#### PARTNERSHIP RECORDS.

4th wicket.—215, J. C. Lamrock and N. W. Broughton v. S.P.C., 1907.

#### BOWLING.

	Wkts.	Runs.	Aver.
G. A. Street .....	117	1,103	9.43
L. W. Wing .....	116	783	6.75
J. E. Pratten .....	105	1,103	10.50
A. C. Cox .....	85	1,197	14.08
A. C. Yates .....	81	865	10.68

#### EIGHT OR MORE WICKETS IN AN INNINGS

Should include:—

8—13, S. Powell v. M.C.E.G.S., 1898.

8—40, A. C. Yates v. S.P.C., 1913.

8—65, H. Maxwell v. M.C.E.G.S., 1891.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. WING.

Melbourne Church of England Grammar School,

The Editor, Domain Road, South Yarra.

*The Sydneyian*

June 22nd, 1926

Dear Sir,

In the April, 1926 issue of the *Sydneyian*, there appears a very interesting letter from S. W. Webb giving an account of the origin of the series of cricket games between our two schools. It occurred to me that this account would be of very great interest to many old Melburnians and if you would give your permission, I thought of publishing it in the next issue of the *Melburnian* at the end of this term.

Would you let me know if there would be any objection to our publishing it?

With kind regards,

I am, Yours faithfully,

J. McRAE,

Editor, *Melburnian*.



Lismore,  
Victoria.

The Editors.

*The Sydneyan.*

Dear Sirs,—

In the last number of the *Sydneyan* appeared a letter from Mr. S. Webb, giving his recollections of the first match against the Melbourne Grammar School. In this letter, Mr. Webb stated that the match was played on the East Melbourne Cricket Ground on December 6th and 7th, 1876, and as I have a copy of *Conway's Cricket Annual* for the season 1876-77, I looked up the match and found that the game was played on the Melbourne Cricket Ground on December, 21st and 22nd, 1876. This *Annual* does not give a full account of this match, so I wrote to Mr. H. M. Ross (one of the Melbourne team in that match), and sent him a copy of Mr. Webb's letter. Mr. Ross very kindly procured me a copy of the scores and an account of the match (which I enclose), and he also wrote to me giving his own recollections of the game. Mr. Ross says: "Mr. Webb's memory is at fault when he says that his Chief showed him 'a very nice letter from Mr. Morris, stating that on one condition his lads would welcome a visit from us, the condition being that they could play T. Watson and H. Ross, two lads who had left the school at the June vacation, I think. I pointed out that if they had that privilege, we should also be allowed to play Reg Allen and Dick Bowman, who had recently left the Grammar School.' Now such a letter could never have been written by Mr. Morris, for I did not leave the School until after that match had been played. What really happened was that, after receiving our challenge, the Sydney boys, no doubt finding it difficult to get a really representative team to make such a long journey, said they would come on condition, that they be allowed to play any old boy who had left the school at Midwinter and we could do the same. When they made this condition, we gave it a good deal of consideration, and, rather than see the match fall through agreed to it; until their team arrived, we did not know how many old boys they were bringing, but eventually, as the account of the match will show you, they played three old boys and we only played one (T. Watson). Another matter, in justice to my old school, and one which does not appear in the account of the match, was that we arranged that stumps were to be drawn at a certain time, but by so doing, we would have deprived the Sydney boys of their victory, so we agreed to play on until the match had been won, and their Headmaster, Mr. Weigall, in responding to the toast of 'Success to the Sydney Grammar School,' complimented the Melbourne boys on the generosity with which they had forborne to draw the stumps at three o'clock, as they were entitled to do, and so make it a drawn game. I should be sorry to do or say anything that might in any degree spoil the splendid sporting feeling and happy relations that have been shown over the

long period of fifty years in these contests. If Mr. Webb will pardon me for saying so, I can remember him as being the finest possible type of public schoolboy and I am sure he is as fine a citizen as he then promised to be. It may also interest him to know that the captain of our team, Frank Smith, and at least six others of the team that played for us in that match, are still alive, and like Johnnie Walker, 'going strong' for their years."

These extracts from Mr. Ross's letter are very interesting and his recollections are confirmed by the report of the match. I think Mr. Webb is at fault when he says that Bowman was an old boy at the time of the first match as the records will show that Bowman played in the second match in 1877.

As there is no office record of the first match owing to the loss of *Sydneians* Nos. 4 and 5, the enclosed report in the *Melburnian* will help to fill a gap.

Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY A. STREET.

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EXTRACT FROM THE *MELBURNIAN*.

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CRICKET.

THE SYDNEY MATCH.

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IN a former number we mentioned that an annual match had been arranged to be played between our eleven and the Sydney Grammar School Eleven. The first of these matches took place on the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Thursday and Friday, the 21st and 22nd December. The Melbourne Club, in addition to allowing us the use of their ground, on this occasion presented a silver cup to be given to the boy who made the highest score on either side, and most courteously made all our visitors honorary members of their club for a month. The Sydneians only agreed to play the match on condition that those boys who left the school in June last should be allowed to play, as midwinter happens to be the time at which, after the Sydney Matriculation Examination, a large number of boys leave their school, whereas with us Christmas is the more usual time for leaving. This regulation turned out to be of the greatest advantage to the proposers, as it enabled them to avail themselves of the services of Allen, Crane, and Cordeaux; the two former of whom made more than half of their total score, besides taking ten wickets between them in the two innings of our eleven. We only obtained the services of one old boy, T. Watson, who, however, played splendidly in the second innings. In addition to this, two of our present players, Buckley and Glen, were obliged to go home before the match, the former of these being one of the best fields in our eleven. The Sydneians arrived in the early

## THE EIGHT, 1926.



S. H. Gowing (Cox). W. J. F. Phipps (Stroke). F. A. Russell, E. A. Bright, A. E. Gould, F. Dundas, B. Kenny,  
J. G. Courlay, W. D. McMahon (Bow).



## S.G.S. BOAT CAMP, 1926.



*Standing:*—L. P. Heery, R. B. Campbell, W. H. Hemingway, N. D. Wheeler, D. F. Stewart, A. H. Dee, Esq., W. S. Brown, L. M. Mowle,  
E. J. Blundell, H. G. Whiddon, R. J. Blundell.

*Sitting:*—J. H. Newton, J. G. Gourlay, F. Dundas, B. A. Bright, W. J. Phipps (Capt.), G. Mackenzie, Esq., F. A. Russell, A. B. Gould,  
B. Kenny (Vice-Capt.), W. D. McMahon, E. E. Gould.

*In Front:*—W. S. McMahon, S. H. Gowing, A. W. Clough, E. Junghans.

*Absent:*—J. C. Loxton, I. Slack-Smith, H. K. Dettmann.

part of the week, and having several opportunities of seeing them practise before the day of the match, we were inclined to think that the game would be a pretty close one. Some people have thought that it was presumptuous of us to challenge a school so much larger than our own to a contest at cricket, but we do not in the least regret our decision, for though fairly beaten we were certainly not disgraced. A letter in the *Argus*, some six weeks ago, and one or two reports in the daily papers, suggested that the Melbourne representatives should not have been selected from one school but from all the public schools. We venture to doubt whether a mixed team can be expected to play well together. Witness the match against East Melbourne. As we proposed the match, we naturally, and without disrespect to our neighbours, prefer that it should go on as it has begun.

On Thursday, the weather was all that could be desired for a cricket match either by players or spectators, and of the latter there was a very fair number present. Our colours were pretty generally worn. Sir George and Lady Bowen arrived at about three o'clock and remained until the stumps were drawn at six p.m. We fear that the home team showed to great disadvantage during this time, as our players were tired and dispirited after their long field out. The splendid grand stand, which has recently been erected by the Melbourne Club, was used for the first time on this occasion, and the perfect view of every part of the game which may be obtained from it made it deservedly popular.

The game was commenced shortly after ten o'clock, the Sydney boys going to the wickets. Webb, the captain of the team, and Bowman were the first to appear, and as they went to the wickets they were heartily cheered by their opponents. Bowman started the scoring by hitting the first ball away for four, but he was bowled by Ross in the same over. One wicket for 6. Baylis went in next; but, after scoring two singles, he was bowled by Watson. Two wickets for 11. After this, Webb and Crane made a fine stand, and when 70 runs had been scored a change was made in the bowling, H. Smith taking the place of Ross, and F. Smith, the captain, relieving Watson at the other end. Still, however, the scoring went on steadily, and before one o'clock 100 was up on the board. Soon after this, Crane made a cut off one of Ross's balls, and was cleverly caught at point by Menzies, the score now being 102 for three wickets. Cordeaux appeared next, but he was bowled by Ross, having failed to score, and his place was taken by Allen. Before any more runs were made, Webb, who had been playing in excellent form, was caught by Watson off the bowling of Ross, having made the large score of 56 runs. Halliday then commenced his innings with a hit for 4, and soon ran up his score to 20, when he was caught by G. Smith, Ross again being the bowler. Five wickets for 126. Wright went in next; and, after playing steadily for his 19 runs, was bowled by Watson.

An adjournment was now made for luncheon, and the two elevens and several guests were entertained through the kindness of J. Ross. The captain of the Melbourne team proposed the health of the visitors, and wished them a hearty welcome to Melbourne. S. Webb, in returning thanks, said that in Sydney the School had no playground of their own, and that they were therefore obliged to belong to the various clubs around Sydney. When the match was proposed, they tried to secure a ground for practising together, but the secretaries of the Sydney clubs were not found willing to assist them. One of the Melbourne papers next morning seemed to regard having no playground as an advantage for the Sydney school.

After lunch, Thomas joined Allen at the wicket, and the scoring became very rapid. Allen, who is a very pretty bat, was in splendid form, and he ran up the score at a marvellous pace, so that by the time that Thomas was disposed of by H. Smith, the total had been raised from 157 to 245. Wilkinson followed and played well for his 14. Johnson was the last to go in, and he was bowled by Watson when he had made 3 runs. Allen carried out his bat, having made the large score of 145 runs in beautiful style, and thus the Sydney innings closed for the large score of 328 runs. We may mention here that great praise is due to Herring, who long-stopped remarkably well, but the fielding of the other members of the team was not as good as usual.

At about half-past four o'clock our innings was commenced, Watson and H. Smith going first to the wickets. Watson was unfortunately bowled off his pads when he had made 3 runs, and Smith was clean bowled by Crane. The Melburnians seemed to be thoroughly tired with their long fielding, and out of heart, and for a long time made no stand at all. Herring, Riddell and Menzies were quickly disposed of and the board showed that five wickets had gone down for the small score of 15 runs. After this, Ross and F. Smith made some stand, but they were neither of them playing in their usual style, and Ross gave two chances in the deep field, neither of which, however, were taken advantage of by the Sydneians, whose fielding was somewhat loose, and far inferior to their batting. F. Smith was at length bowled by Crane, having been in a long time for his 8 runs. His brother, G. Smith, took his place, and soon matters began to look a trifle brighter for our fellows, as the score ran up steadily to 70 without any more wickets being lost; but still, when stumps were drawn at six o'clock the game looked very dark for us, and we think that great credit is due to our eleven for the plucky way in which they endeavoured the next day to retrieve their fortunes. We must not omit to mention a splendid hit made by H. Ross, which bounded over the railing into the ladies' enclosure, and caused considerable commotion.

On Friday morning play was recommenced at ten o'clock, Ross



(who had made 25 not out) and G. Smith (who had made 18 not out) resuming their places at the wickets. The scoring was now pretty rapid, both batsmen playing in excellent form, and 90 runs were made in forty-five minutes. When the score had reached 166, G. Smith was run out, having made 42 runs. Shortly afterwards Ross was caught by Crane at short slip, having made the large score of 84 runs. No stand was made after this, and the innings closed for 171.

As our score was so far behind that of our visitors, we had to follow our innings, and so Watson and Ross were sent to the wickets. Ross made two fine hits for 4 each, but was then again caught by Crane at short slip. Herring followed, and he and Watson remained together for some time, scoring slowly, but playing in an easy and graceful manner. Herring was at length run out when the score had reached 51. G. Smith was bowled off his pads for a duck's egg. F. Smith made 15 runs, and was then caught at square leg. H. Smith was the next to make a stand, and he played well for his 18. Watson was run out when he had made 74 runs by some most excellent batting. Riddell was not disposed of until he had made 27 runs, and Amess carried his bat out with 18 runs; our total score for the second innings being 183. We cannot help thinking that a little more discretion might have been shown in the running, as four of our number were run out in the two innings, and three of these were among our best bats. The Sydneians now wanted 27 runs to win the match, but the bowling of Ross and Watson was so good that four of their best bats were disposed of for the small score of 21 runs. The remaining six runs were made, however, without the loss of another wicket, and our visitors thus won the match by six wickets. We append the scores.

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SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
E. M. Bowman, b Ross	5	b Watson	0
S. Webb, c Watson, b Ross	56	b Watson	4
F. Baylis, b Watson	2	not out	4
A. Crane, c Menzies, b Ross	43	b Ross	3
R. Cordeaux, b Ross	0	not out	7
R. C. Allen, not out	145	l.b.w., b Watson	8
F. Halliday, c G. Smith, b Ross	20	Bye	1
S. Wright, b Watson	19		
G. Thomas, b H. Smith	13		
H. Wilkinson, run out	14		
T. Johnson, b Watson	3		
Byes 5, leg-byes 3	8		

## MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1st Innings.				2nd Innings.			
T. Watson, b Allen	..	..	3	run out	..	..	74
H. Smith, b Crane	..	..	0	b Crane	..	..	18
E. Herring, b Crane	..	..	1	run out	..	..	8
W. Riddell, c Baylis, b Crane	..	..	5	b Allen	..	..	27
W. Menzies, c Wilkinson, b Allen	2			c Wilkinson, b Halliday			2
H. M. Ross, c Crane, b Bowman	84			c Crane, b Webb	..		8
F. Smith, b Crane	..	..	8	c Johnson, b Halliday			16
G. Smith, run out	..	..	42	b Crane	..	..	0
J. Amess, not out	..	..	0	not out	..	..	18
V. Shuter, b Bowman	..	..	0	c Crane, b Halliday	..	..	0
R. G. Robinson, run out	..	..	0	b Allen	..	..	1
Byes 21, leg-byes 2, wides 2,				B. 9, L.B. 2, n.b. 1			12
n.b. 1	..	..	26				

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UMPIRES:—Mr. Francis, of the Sydney Grammar School, and  
J. Ross.

## BARRACKERS.

Burwood.

The Editor,—

I enclose with this letter some matter which I hope will be taken as copy. Please note contents and receive same.

Doubtless there are some mistakes in it as regard to the punctuation, but the spirit of it is more important.

It was not that I was hard up to think of something to write that I wrote on this subject. And you will share my view.

OLD TIMER (V.I.C.).

## COME ON!! GRAMMAR!!

I WENT to the King's—Grammar match at Parramatta fully expecting a keen hard game. I was sorry to see our team beaten, but the King's were really the masters of the game. Several people expressed their opinion that the King's 1st XV. surpassed any G.P.S. team of recent years. But this is what led me to write this contribution, the Grammar boys are showing themselves bad barrackers, for I noticed very sorrowfully, that the omission of colour ribbons is getting very prevalent among the black and gold followers. Too many of the boys think their hatband is enough. Then, too, the strong, "Grammar-r-r—" characteristic of other days is gone. There still seems to be the keenness and faith in our barrackers for the wearers of the black jerseys, but they are hiding it under their pride with bland indifference. We can all talk after the match, but we don't realise the unenviable

position of our subject. Next round found us playing S.I.C. on our ground; they had beaten us in the practice match and fully expected to do so again. They tried hard, but we managed to beat them, yet there is a lot of credit for the lighter team from 'View.

I sat on the front seat for that match, and on my right about a dozen youngsters from Grammar who were very keen over the game. With them was an old Grammar boy, who has kept his interest in the school, particularly in football for many years, and every defeat of the black and gold hurt him more than anyone else, though none knew it. He gathered his choir as he called these youngsters, and launched forth the cry, "Keep it up, Grammar!" at every instant when the black and gold showed signs of easing up. This gave great spirit to our team, for they knew then someone really valued their efforts. And they played on very hard till the final whistle. I wrote this just as a lesson for all Grammar boys, to show them any team in any of the sports can rise to their greatest efforts with the greatest inspiration. Come on, barrackers, Grammar would like you to yell, one and all, "Keep it up, Grammar!" Remember it's up to you to increase the legacy of fame left by the older boys who have left the school, and now, not being able to share in it, follow the matches just as hard as the XV. plays it.

OLD TIMER (V.I.C.)

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### GROUND DAY.

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In rough and stormy weather  
It matters not to us;  
We work and play together  
And never make a fuss.

The game's not one to bring us wealth,  
It has no charm or beauty,  
We play it for the good old school  
And do, we hope, our duty.

Outside the grounds we seldom are,  
Unless it is to wait  
For Chiz or Jack to find the key  
And let us through the gate.

"RING" (V.I.B.)

### GRAMMAR'S BIG SCHOOLROOM.

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FOR many years, nay many years, have I been trampled on by school-boys young and old. My poor old face has had many washes. Throughout all these years have my desks been splashed with ink; but some kind man gave me a new set. Oh, how pleased I was. When



there was an exam, the big schoolroom was wanted at once. I have seen boys exclaim with joy when they have seen exam. papers (clever boys I mean), while some would scowl and bite the ends of their pens and look up at my ceiling as if to find the answer of the question there. But, though boys may throw ink upon my desks and carve their initials upon me, they respect me. At the end of me there is the honour roll of the brave men who gave their lives for King and Country. Oh! what brave men they were. Men that we owe our very lives to to-day. I have listened to Masters in Assembly say that boys have to come on tip toe through my hall on account of this. So you see, I am respected to a very great extent. So after all, I am not such a poor worn-out old schoolroom.

H.L.H. (II.A).

### A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

ANYONE who travelled on the South Coast Railway will remember an old Irishman, commonly known as Pat, who sold fruit on one of the stations. Everybody who regularly travelled on the line would put their heads out of the windows in the hope of seeing some fun. This amusement was to see some pompous old gentleman or a prim lady, who had been taken down by Pat, demand their money back as the fruit was bad, or for some other cause. Pat would merely say, "I told you so and you bought it, so that is your misfortune." And he was perfectly right. How did Pat so manage his business? As soon as the train drew into the platform Pat would walk the train, carrying his basket of fruit and praising it to the best of his ability. This inverted praise usually consisted in, "nice slipstone bananas or oranges, all skin and no juice." On another occasion a likely buyer would ask if Pat had any cherries, were they nice and what was the price? Pat's answer would be to this effect: "very nice on top but all bad underneath." But he said it in such a way that he would sell the cherries and move on before the storm broke.

Pat had a very large watch which was nearly as big as an alarm clock and a great curiosity. This watch was always produced if there was any argument as to whether the train was late or someone asked Pat the time.

These, and other things made Pat a very popular fellow and great amusement was caused when some curt person resented the leg-pull. A lot of the travellers would buy the fruit to see how they would be taken down and also to cause amusement for the others. I remember one old Member of Parliament who regularly bought something and invariably threw it to the goats that abounded there.

These are only a few of the pranks that Pat used in selling his fruit and great excitement was caused when a new trick was tried on

some poor innocent newchum, and great was the disgust if nobody was taken down.

In the summertime Pat sometimes had watermelons which he vowed would make excellent jam, but nobody ever saw the look of the buyer when he found out that it was really a jam melon, but if you looked along the line you often saw the melon which had been hurled from the train in utter disgust.

These practices forced Pat to sell his business at last, and that station is a very quiet place now.

J.H.P. (V.I.B.).

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### THE GIANT TARANTULA.

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"THE residents of Chiswick are warned that the giant tarantula recently brought from Borneo by Prof. Weston, escaped from captivity between 2.30 and 4 o'clock this afternoon. It will be remembered that the scientist, when he first returned from Borneo, told of this monster which carried off live sheep to its lair. His statements were greeted with derision, and the Professor went back to the islands again to procure a live specimen. He triumphantly returned this morning, and it was while transferring the tarantula, which measures nearly five feet, from its cage to one the Professor had had made in his home, that it escaped. It is believed to be somewhere on the downs."

So said the *Chiswick Evening Post*. I had been staying for a few weeks in a little cottage on the great Chiswick Downs, enjoying a complete rest. My landlady was a motherly old soul, who did everything she could to make my stay enjoyable, and it was with some regret that I thought of my departure the next day. A nervous breakdown the doctor had called it, as he packed me away into the country, and, strange to say, I think he was right. I had certainly been working very persistently on my new novel and felt absolutely run down. I had chosen this spot solely for its solitude, for it was over a mile from the nearest farm house. At night, this quietness developed into an eeriness which, tho' I am not a nervous man, made me feel glad that I had my automatic with me. Running half-way round the house, and crossed only by a narrow path, were bogs of black, oozing mud. My landlady had left the house after supper, to sleep with her sister in the village, and I could not suppress a quickening of my heartbeats as I gazed into the fire. I tried to concentrate on my book, but my mind kept returning to the newspaper item, and finally, knocking out my pipe, I rose and went upstairs to my bedroom. I undressed slowly, and, hanging my watch on a nail on the wall, slipped between the sheets, first, however, placing my automatic beneath my pillow. I had been tempted to close my window, but I decided to leave it

half open to obtain some fresh air, and I was asleep in ten minutes.

I was awakened by a tapping on the window-pane. I listened intently. There it was again, tap-tap, tap-tap, tap-tap! A terrible thought assailed me. The tarantula! Naturally the thing when free would make towards the swamps to which it was accustomed. Tap-tap, tap-tap. I searched feverishly for my automatic. While my eyes were trying to pierce the darkness, there was a soft thud near the window, as something dropped on the floor. Heavens! If I could only see! A slight noise on the opposite side of the room made me turn my head. Ah! A sharp cry escaped my lips as I saw its baleful eyes swaying from side to side. I could not see its black body, but its eye was at least five feet from the ground. My God! When would it spring? A mile from anywhere, in a lonely house on the moors, with no one to come to my assistance. My heart was throbbing wildly as I clutched the butt of my revolver. There was a sharp tapping noise in the room, almost like the ticking of a clock. Its eye advanced, nearer, nearer! I screamed again and, raising my weapon, aimed at its yellow eye and pulled the trigger. The noise of the shot drowned the loud hissing noise it gave, and the room was filled with pungent gas. I fainted dead away.

When I awoke it was dawn. I lay where I was for a few moments collecting my thoughts. Then suddenly I remembered. The tarantula! Where was it? I looked, wild-eyed, at the spot where it had been. Nothing! Nothing save my shattered watch, and a gas-pipe pierced by my bullet. The gas was still escaping with a soft hiss and passing out the window. Near the latter, my coat was on the floor, evidently blown by the wind off the chair where I had placed it. I listened. Tap-tap, tap-tap, tap-tap. I dashed to the window and stared out. The great pine-tree outside brushed against the pane. Tap-tap, tap-tap.

E.R.P. (V.A).

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### "THE LOST TRAMPASS."

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Scene I: A Classroom, whose sole occupants are Mr. X. and a Football Captain. With much deliberation they are writing down a team to play on the following Saturday. Enter Y.

Mr. X.: "So here you are at last, Y., take a detention for keeping me waiting so long! Now the reason why I sent for you is this: Sometime during the week you lost your trampass, did you not?"

Y.: "Yes, sir."

Mr. X.: "Well, it has been very kindly restored to you through the headmaster, by the Municipal Council, and the Chief has asked me to see that you write a letter to the Council thanking it for its



kindness and thought. Here is a letter which I've written for you; transcribe it at once in your best handwriting.

Y. reads letter and then begins to transcribe.

Curtain.

Scene II.: Two periods later, same room, same occupants. All three are well above their ankles in litter of half-written letters, which have evidently not satisfied Mr. X. Football Captain has just finished making sarcastic remarks about Y.'s prowess as a transcriber.

Mr. X. (the picture of exasperation): "Look here, man, do you call that writing? Do you mean to say that you spell 'Town Clerk' 't-o-u-n c-l-a-r-k-e'? Why, you good-for-nothing waster. Here! Begin on another sheet! If you don't copy that letter properly this time, I'll give you a Saturday for the rest of the term."

Shrugging his shoulders, Y. drops letter on the floor and begins on a fresh sheet. Much to the Football Captain's wonder, he copies letter this time without a flaw.

Y.: "Here you are, sir, I think it's all right this time." (Hands Mr. X. the letter.)

Mr. X. (ominously): "It had better be." (Reads letter.)

Mr. X.: "Can't understand, you actually managed to do it." (Sarcastically.)

Bell rings, meaning afternoon school is over.

Mr. X.: "There you are, you've wasted two periods. Now mind that you post that letter this afternoon!"

Football Captain (cuts in): "Eh, Y., what did your form have the last two periods?"

Y.: "A geometry test!"

Curtain.

J.B.P. (IV.E).

#### VA. MATHEMATICS.

Come, good sir, and teach this class  
(Although Algebra's a farce),  
Come, and while our work we learn,  
Tell us jokes like good old "Ern."  
Though in your mug-traps we are caught,  
Your fooloscopes are things that ought  
To be long lost and well forgotten,  
For they are inventions rotten.  
But our exams. we wish to pass,  
So come, good sir, and teach this class.

J.L.W. (VA. Magazine).

## THE APOLOGY.

"Mary," said I, "I'm sorry. I really don't know what I was thinking of when I did it. I know I don't deserve your forgiveness, but, oh, can't you find it in your heart —. I know I was late, horribly late, but it was the first time in all those months, those long months wherein I have partaken of your delights. Mary, please take these chocolates and these roses as a token of my remorse. You'll take them? Ah, thank heaven you show signs of relenting! Mary, you won't leave me, you won't go to somebody else? I know Brown is eating his heart out for you; indeed, his very health is suffering for the lack of the blessings which I enjoy. You won't leave me, Mary, you won't . . . Oh, relent . . . oh, tell me, swear to me that you won't leave me."

"Orl right, then," she answered, "not this time—not that yer don't deserve it. I bin a good, 'ard-workin' cook to yer this six month come Toosd'y, and next time yer late fer yer dinner, I walks str'ight out."

H.H.L. (VA. Magazine).

## L'EMILEGRO.

Hence dreary Morning School  
 Of Saturday and dull Detention born  
 In big school-room forlorn  
 'Mongst logarithms, verbs and Latin rule!  
 Find out some learned cell,  
 Where brooding Archie flaps his pensive wings  
 And boiling Nitric sings  
 Its bubbling tune and spitting, sharp refrain:  
 For, now, to ease my pain,  
 The Sergeant tolls the final morning bell.  
 Now come thou, goddess, fair and free,  
 In kitchen yclept sweet Emily,  
 And by boys, tuck-serving Em,  
 Whom some god has given them—  
 Bacchus, people say (N.B.,  
 He's the god of the raspberry);  
 Or maybe (as some sager sing)  
 Upon a sultry day of Spring,  
 When, hot and tired, and grimed with dirt,  
 With sweating brow and sodden shirt,  
 We could but raise a sickly grin,  
 A cool sou'-easter blew you in,  
 And in your arms could we discern,  
 Oh, joys of joys, an ice-cream churn.

Haste thee, Em, and bring with thee  
 Fruit and fresh, crisp past-e-ry,  
 Buns and tarts and big bull's-eyes,  
 Buttered rolls and fat fruit pies,  
 Such as we shall never taste  
 If to the queue we do not haste;  
 Sweets, which he who trains derides,  
 And kegs of ginger-beer besides.  
 Come now, Em, and serve the queue,  
 The foolish and imprudent few  
 Who—oh foul and heinous sin—  
 Fail to give their orders in;  
 And in thy right hand lead with thee  
 Fair kitchen nymph, thy employee;  
 And if I give my solemn oath  
 To you, dear Em, and waitress both,  
 In my repayment to be quick,  
 Allow me, please, a little tick.

H.H.L. (VA. Magazine).

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MASTER JOHN WILLIAM SMITH.

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(*With apologies to "Sir Patrick Spens."*)

John Smith sat in the Grammar School,  
 His pencil did he lick:

"O where can I get a good excuse  
 Can save me from the stick?"

O up and spake a red-haired kerl—  
 His name methinks was Jones—

"O mine it is the best excuse,  
 Can save your useless bones."

The boy has written a long lettér,  
 All in his mother's hand,  
 And sent it to the guid mastér;  
 Its lines he quickly scann'd.

"To 3E form, to 3E form,  
 To 3E in 'S' room,  
 The boy John Smith's in 3E form,  
 'Tis there I'll seal his doom."

He hadna been but one minute  
 In 3E room, but two,  
 When that the boy called Smith did say,  
 "You read it, didn't you?"



"Mak' ready, mak' ready, my schoolfellows all,"

Quoth Smith to 3E form,

"O back me up with all your might

"For I fear a deadly storm.

"I see the Gilo 'fore me stand,

His thick cane on his arm,

And if you all desert me now

I fear I'll come to harm."

He hadna felt but twenty strokes,

But twenty strokes and three,

Till loud and threatening grew his voice,

"I say, don't you hit me!"

"O give to me my history book,

Another of the same,"

But they both slipped down his trouser legs,

And so he felt the cane.

O loth, loth was the guid master

To let his victim go,

But lang ere all the strokes were by

His strong right arm ached so.

O lang, lang may the schoolboys sit,

Wi' their pencils in their hand,

Before they see John William Smith

Do anything but stand.

A.R.T. (VA. Magazine).

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#### A REVERIE.

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When "Monsieur" croons the lullaby

Of the French who went to war,

And as he rolls so slowly,

And the boys begin to snore,

'Tis then, when feeling lazy

And while gazing at the floor,

That one begins to wander

And to dream of days of yore.

And as the tones so soothing

Of that master ever moving,

Fall softly on the non-attentive ear,

One dreams one's on the Spanish Main,

Full twenty miles at sea,  
 With sinking galleons all aflame  
 And blood and victory.

Then, as a belt, we wear a sash  
 Of the brightest scarlet hue,  
 The jewels on our rapiers flash  
 As we thunder at the crew,  
 And when we've looted every ship  
 And stowed the gold below,  
 Then by the plank into the sea  
 We make the prisoners go.

And as we dream, we do each thing  
 The pirates used to do,  
 When Drake and Raleigh had their fling  
 But built the Empire, too.  
 When broken spars are falling down  
 And sails are torn to shreds,  
 And the hated Spaniard's bullets  
 Whistle above our heads.  
 Then above the cries and moaning  
 We hear the high-pitched droaning  
 Of "Monsieur," sad complaining,  
 With his good heart just refraining  
 From "fair copies" on us raining.

"CAPTAIN KIDD."  
 (G.L.M. in V.A. Magazine.)

### REMINISCENT RHYMES.

(Suggested by an English exchange, the *Malburian*.)

1. Ride a cock car  
 To Parramattah  
 To see a fine football team beat poor Grammar.  
 Rings round her forwards\* and rings round her backs—  
 This shall rouse Grammar to haul up her slacks.  
 \* A good example of poetic licence.
2. (*To a stout junior.*)  
 Humpty Dumpty played football,  
 Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,  
 And all the King's masters and all the King's men  
 Couldn't make Humpty Dumpty play football again.
3. (*Dedicated, without permission, to the Grammar Women's Association.*)  
 The brave young cricket dux,  
 He had ten earnest men,

And he marched them on to the Weigall Ground  
 And he marched them off again.  
 And when they were in, they were in,  
 And when they were out, they were out,  
 And when they were only drinking tea  
 They were neither in nor out.

4. Tom, Tom, the swiper's son,  
 Stole the strike and away he run,  
 The ball fell short and Tom was caught  
 And he went howling, out for nought.
5. Here, in sheer funk, is poor Tom bowling,  
 The googly of our team,  
 No more he'll set the ball a-rolling,  
 For he may not raise the seam.  
 His form was of the Maileyst beauty,  
 His wrong'un true and tried,  
 But now, he vows, he's done his duty,  
 If he slings 'em fast and wide.

H.S.D.

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#### LADY MOON.

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My lady Moon is rising, in her chariot of gold  
 With silver train a-flowing, most glorious to behold,  
 And wondrous shining halo, of pale, effulgent light  
 All polished by the fairies, who keep it round and bright.

The tiny stars that wink and blink and twinkle in the sky,  
 The flashing, bright-eyed comets, the cloudy nebulae,  
 They all are fairy dwellings, and every little sprite  
 Comes out to watch my lady Moon go sailing through the night.

Each fairy child would smile and wave and nod her curly head  
 Until the fairy Dawn would come and put them all to bed.  
 Then lady Moon takes off her crown, the chariot pales to grey  
 And very soon the world is lit by father Sun's first ray.

D.D.D. (ætat. 10.)

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#### ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1926.

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THE 53rd Annual Athletic Sports Meeting will be held on the School Ground on September 25th, the first Saturday of 3rd Term. Preliminary heats will be decided on four days of the preceding week, commencing on Tuesday, 21st September. The G.P.S. Sports will be held on October 16th at the Sydney Cricket Ground, three weeks after our own sports. The Athletic Committee for this year consists of Kenny,



Hemingway, Wheeler, Phipps, Antill, Brown ii, Burns, Maclean, with Mann and Grant as Joint Honorary Secretaries.

We hope that the sports this year will create a new record both for entries and the number of boys competing. Our first need is to have every boy in the school competing in some event or other, the more the better. If you are diffident in respect of Championships, enter and start in handicaps. You do not know if you are a runner till you have tried yourself out in a real race. Entries for the Old Sydneians' Race may be made at the School or with the Secretary of the O.S.U.

Mrs. Leslie is presenting a Cup for the Mile, to be known as the J. D. Leslie Challenge Cup. Messrs. Scott and F. H. Mullens are giving a trophy for the best performance this year in the same race.

R.B.

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#### STOP PRESS

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21st August, 1926

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We have just learned that Sir James Fairfax, President Old Sydneians' Union, with characteristic generosity, has offered a gift of one thousand pounds towards the foundation of an approved Sydney Grammar School Boarding House.

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#### EXCHANGES.

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The Editors thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges:—

N.S.W.—*Australian Oarsman, Boomerang, Hawkesbury Agricultural College Journal, Hermes, Normanhurst School Magazine, Pymble Ladies' College Magazine, The Record, The Scotsman, The Weaver.*

Victoria.—*The Clansman.*

South Australia.—*Prince Alfred Chronicle.*

Tasmania.—*Hutchins' School Magazine.*

Queensland.—*Ipswich Girls' Grammar School Magazine.*

Western Australia.—*The Cygnet.*

New Zealand.—*The King's Collegian.*

England.—*The Alleynian, The Cliftonian, The Harleyburian, The Malvernian, The Marlburian, The Mill Hill Magazine, The Radleian, United Empire.*

### S.G.S. SWIMMING CARNIVAL, 1926.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Entry Fees—				
VIA, £3/4/6; VI.B, £3/10/6; VI.C, £2/10/-;				
V.A, £3; V.B, £1/12/-; V.C, £1/14/-;				
IV.A, £2/3/-; IV.B, £2/19/6; IV.C,				
£2/2/6; IV.D, £2/6/6; IV.E, £1/8/-;				
III.A, £1/19/6; III.B, 16/-; III.C,				
£2/1/-; III.D, £1/1/6; III.E, 15/-; II.A,				
15/-; II.B, £1/14/-; II.C, £1/9/-; II.D,				
£1; II.R, £1/5/6 .. .. .		39	7	0
Admission Fees .. .. .		27	4	0
Advance From S.G.S. Sports Fund (For De-				
posit on Hire of Baths) .. .. .		5	0	0
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		£71	11	0

EXPENDITURE.							£	s.	d.
W. Kerr	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	1	6
Prouds Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	0	0
E. J. Daly	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	5	0
Hire of Baths	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3	0
Beatty, Richardson & Co.	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	17	0
A. M. Hart	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Extra Assistants at Baths	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	0
G. Thiring	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
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(Sgd.) E. N. CORDEROY,  
Hon. Treasurer.  
4/8/1926.

Audited and found correct.

(Sgd.) ROBT. BULLOW,  
Hon. Auditor.

## RECENT DONATIONS.

The following donations have been received by the Trustees since the last acknowledgment in the November *Sydneian* of 1924:—

## RESTORATION FUND.

Robert Vicars .. .. .	£50	0	0
Geoffrey E. Fairfax .. .. .	100	0	0
Sir James Fairfax .. .. .	298	0	0
D. C. Turner (Adelaide) .. .. .	25	0	0
School Fête (one third) .. .. .	410	17	1
Orwell Phillips .. .. .	79	18	6
Sir William Vicars .. .. .	90	18	0
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	£1054	13	7

## ENDOWMENT FUND.

Charles Ludowici .. .. .	£50	0	0
Per Mrs. Burrough .. .. .	50	1	1
W. K. Donkin .. .. .	25	0	0
School Fête (one third) .. .. .	410	17	1
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	£535	18	2

## WEIGALL MEMORIAL GROUND.

Balance on Fête Account .. .. .	£41	16	4
School Fête (one third) .. .. .	410	17	1
K. S. Williams .. .. .	52	10	0
R. Stafford .. .. .	5	0	0
Per Hyam Marks .. .. .	252	10	0
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	£762	13	5

This does not take account of sums which have not passed through the Secretary's hands, *e.g.*, Mrs. Leslie's contributions to the Scoring Board, acknowledged otherwise.



## OLD SYDNEIANS' UNION.

*Patron:* Hon. R. J. Black, M.L.C.

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### BUSINESS NOTICE.

THE annual subscription to the Union is 7/6, and the life subscription five guineas, both inclusive of *The Sydneian*.

The Union year runs from June 1 to May 31 of succeeding year. Subscriptions should be paid to the Treasurers, the Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited), 33 Hunter Street, or to the Secretary, at the Old Sydneians' Club, 91 Phillip Street.

All changes of address, and any failure to receive notices of meetings, receipts, *Sydneians*, etc., should be notified immediately to the Secretary, at the Old Sydneians' Club.

### BRANCHES OF THE UNION.

*Western Australia:* C. E. Newsham, Auditor-General's Department, Perth.

*London:* Dr. C. B. Levick, St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, S.W. 1.

*Melbourne:* E. K. Barraclough, 244 Collins Street.

#### LONDON.

R. W. BARR-BROWN writes from St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C. 1.

"Feeling that one dinner a year is not sufficient, we have decided to hold quarterly affairs as well as the Annual Dinner. We propose to meet on the 2nd Monday in each of the following months, at 7.30 p.m.: January, April, July, October.

"Place of meeting, 'Chantecler.' The 'Chantecler' is situated in Frith Street, Soho Square, and the dinner will cost 3/6. These dinners are only to be very informal affairs so that Old Sydneians who are in London for a short time only will be able to meet old friends. The enclosed card will give you full particulars about the 'Chantecler.'"

#### PERTH.

THE Secretary of the W.A. Branch sends the following notes:

"W. H. SUTOR, for many years Manager in West Australia for the Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd., has been transferred to New Zealand

where he has charge of the company's affairs in the Dominion and also for Fiji. He will be greatly missed at the next and subsequent W.A. Old Boys' Dinners. The number of S.G.S. ex-students in W.A. is difficult to estimate, but C. E. Newsham and others are constantly on the look-out for additions to our small numbers. It has already been suggested that the Secretary of the Union should acquaint us with the names of Old Boys intending to make their homes in W.A."

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#### G.P.S. ANNUAL REGATTA.

MEMBERS of the Union and their friends, including a large number of adherents of other schools, had a splendid view of the races this year from the O.S.U. Reserve at Gladesville. All arrangements worked well, and the Committee is to be congratulated on its enterprise in securing the site, and its management for the regatta days.

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#### ANNUAL BALL.

THE Annual Ball was held in the Big Schoolroom on Friday, July 16th, and proved most enjoyable and successful. There was a large attendance. A Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. Gorman, Herring, Russell, Ludowici, and the Secretary, had charge of the arrangements and did its work well.

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#### ANNUAL DINNER.

THIS will take place on Saturday, October 16th, the night of the All Schools' Sports Meeting.

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#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE 28th Annual General Meeting of the Union was held in the Big Schoolroom on Wednesday, June 23rd. There was an attendance of about 50 members. The retiring President, Mr. Robert Vicars, was in the chair. Mr. J. O. (now Sir James) Fairfax was elected President for the ensuing year, Mr. Bode was added to the list of Vice-Presidents, and Mr. L. L. Robertson was appointed to the vacancy on the Committee caused by Mr. Bode's elevation. The Union is very fortunate in securing the services of these three. The worth and services of Sir James Fairfax, and the high esteem in which he is held throughout the community need no elaboration. Mr. Bode is too well-known to Old Sydneians for us to require to say anything further than that he has been intimately associated with the Union since its inception, and has rendered it yeoman service. "Lou" Robertson has been an invaluable help as honorary architect to the Sports Fund Committee and the School Boarding House Sub-Committee.

After a lengthy discussion on the question of the establishment of the boarding house, it was moved by Mr. Cowper, seconded by Mr. Douglass, and carried unanimously, "That the Committee be authorised to advance £1,000 towards the purchase of a School Boarding House, at such rate of interest, if any, on such security, and upon such terms as to repayment as the Committee shall think fit."

### PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARDING HOUSE.

SINCE the last issue of the *Sydneian* the Boarding House Sub-Committee has continued its work assiduously, but up to the present it has not been able to find a suitable site. At the same time it is confident that the search will soon be successful and it hopes that within the next two months arrangements will have been made to inaugurate the Boarding House with the first term of next year.

The following letter shows the interest which Old Boys are taking in the proposal:—

The Secretary,  
Old Sydneians' Union,  
SYDNEY.

Dear Sir,—

If anything should be done in the way of establishing a boarding school it seems to me there is a chance of a waiting list being established.

I have two sons of 12 and 7 whose names I should like to have in.

They are Thomas Alexander and George Robert respectively.

Yours truly,  
L. B. DIBBS.

Collarene,  
Barraba.

21/6/'26.

The Headmaster and several members of the Committee have been approached verbally in a similar strain by numerous parents, and it seems evident that when the scheme crystallises there will be no difficulty in filling the Boarding House to its utmost capacity.

### LIST OF UNION MEMBERS.

ADDRESSES UNKNOWN.

Name.	Former Address.
A. R. M. Andrew,	77 Pitt Street, Sydney.
C. W. Brown, c/o.	John Cook & Co., 253 George Street, Sydney.
W. Fisher,	Tamworth Hotel, Tamworth.
A. L. Green, c/o.	— Johnston, Esq., Homeleigh, Walcha.



- E. N. Hewitt, Trinity College, Cambridge, England.  
 W. F. G. Hillyar, "Opua," Liverpool Road, Croydon.  
 N. King, "Lorne," Lorne Avenue, Kensington.  
 W. D. Knox, 28 Osborne Road, Manly.  
 Dr. C. H. Lloyd, 121 Darling Point Road, Darling Point.  
 H. H. Manning, "Bangalore," Locksley Street, Killara.  
 H. S. F. Moran, A.M.P. Buildings, Edward Street, Brisbane, Q'land.  
 H. St. J. McVernon, 4 Hepburn Court, Lavendar Bay.  
 R. Simmons, "Mercedes," Bayswater Road, Darlinghurst.  
 T. H. West, Margaret Street, Roseville.  
 P. Young, "Perah," Lauderdale Avenue, Manly.  
 A. L. Alexander, "Araluen," Silver Street, Randwick.  
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 L. J. Harbison, Coonee, Robertson, N.S.W.  
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 B. K. O. Hind.  
 V. Holcombe, Krui Street, Manly.  
 H. Kench, 32 Railway Street, Petersham.  
 V. C. Kennelly, 51 Surrey Street, Darlinghurst.  
 A. H. Lees.  
 M. G. Morgan, c/o. Harold T. Morgan & Morgan, 34 Martin Place,  
     Sydney. 1  
 C. R. Polson, Carwell Station, Gulargambone.  
 D. D. Scott, C.B.C. of Sydney, Pitt & Bathurst Streets, Sydney.  
 E. Suche, "Boola," Old South Head Road, Bondi.  
 S. J. N. Taylor, Bullara, North Essendon, Victoria.  
 L. H. Trenn, 33 T. & G. Buildings, Elizabeth Street, Sydney.  
 L. C. Willis, 62 Muston Street, Mosman.  
 H. H. Wiseman, 2 Percival Street, Stanmore.  
 H. E. Witts.  
 W. I. Young, "Haroldene," Boulevarde, Strathfield.

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#### OLD SYDNEIANS' CLUB.

##### OFFICE-BEARERS.

*Chairman:* H. S. P. Storey.

*Vice-Chairman:* R. S. Murray-Prior.

*Honorary Treasurer:* F. H. Mullens.

*Honorary Auditor:* F. Mander Ross.

*House Committee:* G. K. Herring, J. M. Jagelman, L. A. E. Krone.

*Recreation Committee:* G. K. Herring, J. M. Jagelman, L. A. E.  
 Krone.

THE Club Rooms are at "Cromer," 91 Phillip Street, and comprise a billiard-room, reading and smoking, and card rooms, bathroom, etc.

*Entrance Fee:* £1/1/-.

*Subscriptions:* Annual, £1/1/-.

Life, £21/-/-.

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#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE Fifth Annual General Meeting was held at the Club Rooms on June 30th last. Mr. H. S. P. Storey was in the chair. The proposal for co-operation with the other school clubs was approved, and certain slight alterations to the constitution to enable that co-operation to be achieved were carried unanimously.

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#### CLUB DANCE.

A CLUB Dance has been arranged for Thursday, 23rd September, at the Club House, New South Wales Lawn Tennis Ground, Rushcutters Bay.

To avoid any possibility of overcrowding, the number of tickets (seven shillings and sixpence) will be limited to 150. Members will appreciate the fact that the Old Sydneians' Amateur Jazz Band have very kindly offered to provide the music.

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#### O.S. JAZZ BAND.

WE present our readers with a picture of this famous musical organisation which, during its comparatively short life, has already done fine service to the School and to the O.S.U. Be it now noted that the Old Sydneians' Amateur Jazz Band will hold a dance at the Cocoa Tree Tea Rooms, 460 George Street, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, the 30th September next, the proceeds to be entirely devoted to the Cancer Research Fund. A young ladies' Committee is being formed, and it is not doubted that the function will be a social and financial success. Tickets are 10/6 each, and will be obtainable from members of the band and Committee, and at the Old Sydneians' Club.

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#### SCHOOL CLUBS LIMITED.

THE proposal to bring the various Old Boys' Clubs into close co-operation has now been approved by the Old Boys' Clubs of Shore, Newington, and King's. A Company limited by guarantee, to be called "School Clubs Limited" is to be formed immediately. Its members will be the members of the various clubs, and their liability will be limited to the obligation to contribute towards the debts of the company to the extent of not more than 10/- in the event of its being wound-up. Suitable premises are now being sought, and it is quite

possible that a move will be made at an early date. So that the individuality of the various school clubs may be preserved, each club will have rooms of its own, while there will be certain common rooms used by all members. It is considered certain that the scheme will be of immense benefit to all concerned.

### COMMENTS.

(BY THE "BUSH LAWYER.")

FROM F. G. H. SALUSBURY, a pen and ink artist and *Sydneian* versifier of no small merit in his day, comes the following:—

Union Club,

Carlton House Terrace, S.W. 1.

May 24, 1926.

The Editors.

Gentlemen,—

I have just received the April number of the *Sydneian*, and I hope I shall have more, for I believe that I am a life subscriber. If I am wrong, will you be good enough to tell me, and I will send you my subscription.

I have been out of touch with my old school for a long time—except for a chance meeting with C. B. Levick, whose deadly efficiency and extraordinary prowess as a doctor impressed me no less than his confession that he still can read Homer in Greek—but all its memories are very dear to me, and the immediate cause of my writing to you is to tell you that "Bush Lawyer" is a Tishbite and an eater of wild asses' flesh.

He is responsible, I gather, for the suggestion that the College Street site should be sold so that the proposed boarding school and the classrooms may be lumped together in a neat, commodious, healthy, pleasant and disgustingly modern building somewhere in the eastern suburbs. Let this Bush Lawyer of yours stick to his law; he has no soul, no romance, no decency if he believes in his suggestion.

Shall the Big Schoolroom, in which I have seen the Old Chief, in which I learnt what was good for me, in which I have sat through "detention" at the feet of Mr. MacBurney; shall, this alone, be razed to make room for offices?

We have the traditions—noble traditions—of years in that sleepy, stone school that sits so comfortably along the heat and dust of College Street—at least so I best remember it. Cannot we keep them safely there? They are risky things to transplant.

Plase give my love to "Em" if she is still selling "meats, fruits, and buttered buns."

Yours faithfully, Gentlemen,

FREDERIC G. H. SALUSBURY.

(1910—1913).



Bravo, old Junius! Though the Bush Lawyer's soul be as dead as you say it is, Hope at least has been revived within his breast by your epistle. For months and years—almost for decades—he has sat here, thundering his diatribes against Trustees, Headmasters, G.P.S. Athletic Associations, criminals who tackle weakly on the football field, well-meaning persons with an irritating habit of failing to become either Rhodes Scholars or Prime Ministers, modern youth with its jazz tendencies, and the absurdities and eccentricities of crabbed old age. And it has all been received in stony silence. Nay, worse still, with calm indifference. But now you have come along, like an Angel of the Lord, with your blessed slatherum-whack tirade, to convince him that, after all, his existence may be worth while. Sustained by the crumbs of comfort you have hurled at him, he will continue with no soul and a light heart his self-appointed role of critic and ideologue.

In the first place, let me say that I am an unrepentant sinner. I am more than ever convinced that it is very meet, right and proper that the out-of-date and unsuitable College Street site should be sold as soon as possible and the proceeds used to buy the land at the rear of the Weigall Ground up to, and including part of the grounds of the Terraces Hospital, and to build a new school, comprising both classrooms and dormitories, on that land. Probably much of the sandstone of the old buildings could be used on the new site, and certainly it should be possible to build a Big Schoolroom which should be a replica of the old, though perhaps on a somewhat larger scale. However that may be, the new school would be more worthy to replace the old. It would be a boarding as well as a day school, would have a great area of playing fields, all its activities would be concentrated in one place, it would be far easier to administer than the present school, and there would be ample room for expansion to meet all our needs for a hundred years at least.

Is the proposal so obscene as Mr. Salusbury would have us think? Admittedly the old grey building in College Street is very dear to us. Admittedly there cling round its walls the traditions of a century. But surely it is our first duty to build for the future? In so far as the traditions and memorials of the past will help the School's future welfare—and by welfare I do not mean merely material welfare—they must be retained and preserved. In so far as they will detract from it, they must be discarded.

Surely, too, our finest traditions do not need to cling for support to any buildings, however venerable and dear, but will live and thrive in the hearts of Grammar School boys, no matter what may be the local habitation of the School? Let Mr. Salusbury look around him and enquire whether some of the great English schools have not followed the course which I propose. Certainly the Scotch College and the Geelong Grammar School have done so in Victoria, and no one connected with those schools has ever regretted it. I think it a great

pity that the Trustees did not approach the Government recently and suggest that, for a matter of a hundred thousand pounds or so, the College Street property would be available as a site for the new St. Andrew's Cathedral. Even now it is not too late to do so. If they did, and if, as a result, the present site were abandoned and a splendid new school were erected on a great area at the rear of the Weigall Ground, I believe that the imaginations of Old Sydneians would be fired, and they would rally to the School as never before, and help to build on the new foundations a greater and nobler institution than we have at present, or can ever hope to have under present conditions.

One word more. If the decision is not taken soon, it will be too late. In a few years the Rushcutters Bay lands will have become too valuable and too well-improved for us to be able to acquire a sufficient area at a price within our means. Firmly convinced that unless the move is made future generations will bitterly deplore our short-sightedness, I commend the proposal very earnestly to the Trustees and all who have the interests of the School at heart.

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There was once a hunter in the wilds of Africa who came suddenly upon a lion. The lion sprang, the hunter ducked, and the lion passed harmlessly over his head. Coming back cautiously to reconnoitre half an hour after, the hunter found the lion in an open space assiduously practising low springs. (I cribbed that little fable from somewhere, but can't remember where. However, the moral for footballers is obvious.) Why can't Grammar School boys learn to tackle? Watching the King's match one got the impression that our team was strong in attack and woeful in defence. The record of scores for and against in all matches during the season bears this out. High weak tackling has been far too much in evidence in Grammar Fifteens for years past. The sooner a campaign against it is started the better. The person who crouches low and waits with arms outstretched for the opposing players to run into him, should be suspended for a month. Anyone who tries to tackle with his arms, instead of a with a hard drive of the shoulder, should be rubbed out for life. The creature who clutches feebly round the other side's shoulders should get fifty lashes. And the criminal who hurls himself at his opponent's neckbands, and brings off one spectacular success out of five attempts, should be hung, drawn and quartered. He is the worst of the lot, for he sets a most dangerous example to his fellows.

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Talking of school sport, why should not some attempt be made to beautify the Weigall Ground by planting ornamental trees on the southern boundary? Once upon a time before the trees along the White City fence were destroyed, the Ground was a grateful sight, in summer at any rate. Now it is a depressing waste made hideous by a drab and untidy wooden cottage in one corner. No doubt the Grad-

grinds of cricket will be up in arms. But why should their fads be allowed to prevail? Cricket is played with just as much skill and sportsmanlike enthusiasm in the beautiful King's School Ground at Parramatta, and the glorious parklike fields of England as on the Weigall Ground as it is to-day. Does anything else matter?

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The cry raised by some members of the G.P.S. Athletic Association after the last Regatta, that "owing to the selfishness of the public" it would be necessary henceforth to hold the Boat Race Finals on a week day instead of a Saturday, was simply an outright confession of incompetence. It means that they have not the common sense and driving force to see to it that the Harbour Trust and Water Police Authorities make the proper regulations for the conduct of the Regatta and insist on them being observed. The Harbour Trust undoubtedly has power to make the necessary rules and impose penalties for their breach. I don't know whether they have ever done so. I believe that during the last two years they have published certain arrangements for the Regatta, and allotted positions for the various sight-seeing craft; but of course no one ever dreamed of carrying out these arrangements, simply because no action whatever was taken if they were departed from. Most of the public are anxious to do the right thing, but one or two delinquents can ruin the whole Regatta. As a matter of fact the trouble this year was primarily due not to the "selfishness of the public," but to the negligence of the skipper of one of the Sydney Ferries Steamers, who quite inexcusably allowed his boat to drift right into the middle of the fairway while the race was in progress, and dragged with him a host of smaller craft. Of course, nothing happened to him. If proper regulations had been drawn up and gazetted and given the force of law, and this particular Captain had been prosecuted for the breach of them, there would be a reasonable certainty that the episode would not occur again. As it is, it is bound to recur unless the G.P.S. Athletic Association wakes up. The point is that it is the duty of the Association to get the Harbour Trust and Water Police to do their job properly. If they refuse, they should be denounced in the Press and public opinion would soon force them to mend their ways. But one despairs of the G.P.S. Athletic Association in these matters. It is too conventional or respectable, I daresay. We saw the same kind of thing at the Cricket Ground after the War when year after year struggling, seething crowds had to fight for admittance to the athletic meetings. On being criticised for their failure to remedy this state of affairs, members of the G.P.S. Athletic Association replied pathetically that they "couldn't get Mr. Wiley to open more than two turnstiles," or something to that effect. If the Association had shown an ordinary amount of push and determination, every member of the Cricket Ground Trust



would have been canvassed and pestered and harassed until the Secretary was ordered to open every turnstile at the Ground.

Again, we were told this year that a long standing grievance with regard to the Regatta was to be remedied, namely, that relating to the absence of any method of announcing to all the spectators on the river the results of the races. The results were to be broadcast over the river by means of great magna vox instruments in suitable positions. Did anyone hear them?

I more than suspect that the trouble with the Association is that all the work is left to one or two men, who, while thoroughly capable themselves, are quite unable to attend to the multitude of details in connection with the regattas and other sports meetings without the support and help of others. One is inclined to think that unless other members of the Association are prepared to reinforce by their efforts the self-sacrificing work of the one or two on whom the whole burden now falls, the cry of the Jeremiahs should be acceded to, and the regattas held on week days, so that only a few privileged old boys can see them. Anyway, is not the real solution to the problem of the G.P.S.A.A.A. that a few of the younger old boys of the schools, of recognised standing in sport, who are not over-burdened with honorary administrative work in other directions, should be appointed to its general committee?

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#### NOTES AND NEWS OF OLD SYDNEIANS.

##### "MARCO" ABROAD.

From our Special Commissioner in England and on the Continent, comes this interesting report:—

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"Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited.

"18 Birchin Lane,

"1/7/'26.

"Here goes for a mixture! We are working hard, keeping our engagements. Having lots of time, we are always in a hurry, but now that we have settled in a flat, things are a good deal easier.

"The best thing I have seen so far is the tattoo at Aldershot. We were fortunate to have excellent seats near the royal box (Ahem!), and in having Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Black to drive us in their car. He is managing director for Yuill's Ltd., and a brother-in-law of 'Mitch.' He will constantly relate old Grammar tales, especially those of Curry Fitz's classes. I was anxious to get to Aldershot early and see the handling of the crowd, and right glad I was to do so. Of course, it was light till 9.30, and as we drove along, from about six till eight, the rural scenery was truly magnificent. We passed several lorry loads of boys returning from cricket, and also quite a number of games still in progress. As we neared the military area, the traffic increased enormously; yet there was no confusion. Motor

drivers are most friendly and give their signals unerringly. The arrangements for fixing up everybody and every vehicle were perfect. Our number, displayed on a large green disc in front of the car, was shouted all along the line, and we were directed right to the spot where the car had to be parked. We then had tea and were shown to our seats. The 'unreserved' crowd were put in their places, like so many chessmen. Officers with megaphones, assisted by efficient boy scouts, just gave their directions and the people carried them out. No one rushed into any place; all did exactly as told.

"While waiting for proceedings to begin, I was musing on the fact that I didn't know a soul in the whole outfit, when a soldier showed into the seat next to me—not even one off me—no less a personage than Jack Gregory (temporarily disabled). I said, 'Hello!' He replied, 'Hallo, Sir; what are you doing here?' About five minutes' before the time to commence, a Verey light went up, notifying the officials that the King was thereabouts. On arrival, he was escorted to the royal box through two lines of uniformed men, Kilties on one side and Khakis on the other. The royal box had no ornamentation but an electric crown. It was becoming fairly dark, and the changes of scene were worked by shutting off the lights and then turning them on again when ready. Proceedings opened with a bugle march; then there were three selections by the massed bands, all superbly played—I thought of Mote's efforts to keep the brass band going at S.G.S. Subsequently there were bagpipes, pageants, displays, drives, etc. The most thrilling spectacles were the Royal Horse Artillery gallop and a representation of an engagement in the Great War. In the former were eight illuminated gun carriages, drawn each by a team of six horses. How did they career! And in what winding curves! The crowd liked what I shall call 'the charge.' Four waggons started from each of the two diagonally opposite corners of the parade ground, and dashed at each other. There was just sufficient room for them to avoid colliding. Ooh! if one of those horses had stumbled! The battle was a real affair, big guns, anti-aircraft, aeroplanes, tanks, ambulances, etc. One tank charged a very substantial building and went clean through it. A very pretty item was the torch march. The torches were of two colours—red and yellow—and each movement ended in a beautiful design; the last being the crown.

"Everyone stood up and sang the Hymn of Praise and later the National Anthem. When the King and Queen departed, there was a bit of a scramble by some of the lads to secure arrows, spears, etc., used in the 'Battle of Agincourt.' Then we got off to the car and had supper. There was delay, as was only to be expected, in getting 10,000 cars away, but everything was very orderly. Traffic police and motor service men were out all along the road back. We had an early breakfast at 4 a.m., and turned in till 10. It is hard to write letters just now. It was much easier on board. To-day we are off to Henley.

Last night at the Royal Colonial Institute Show to meet the Prince of Wales—I never even saw him, there was such a crowd. An old cock-horse, with rings on his fingers and bells on his toes—at any rate, he had a suit-case full of decorations—flattered what I shall call my vanity. We got into a jamb, and he said, 'I shall follow you. You are used to it, I bet. I only played Soccer. Forward, I'm sure.'

"My kindest regards to all the Staff. Mrs. Marks also sends best wishes. I have seen E. L. Jones and son, Dr. Levick, and Jack Buckle. Good-luck to Ritchie and the XV.

"Yours faithfully,

"HYAM MARKS."

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#### THE *Sydneian's* PRIZE COMPETITION.

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AN enthusiastic Old Boy, writing from the country, adds this post-script: "P.S.—I found an Old Boy (of my time) with a soul so dead that he would not join the O.S.U. What shall I do with him?"

The *Bush Lawyer* will give a prize of ten shillings for the best answer received. The Chief will be the sole judge, and his decision must be accepted as final, though competitors may reserve the right to try out their own solutions on any Old Sydneians they may find suffering from a similar disease.

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#### A SYDNEIAN IN THE LONDON STRIKE.

WE are very glad to be able to print the following letter from Jack Black, who will be remembered as a prominent debater, a few years ago:—

"When all the evidence of a general strike was upon us, booths for voluntary workers were opened all over London, and I, with thousands of others, rushed to enrol. I was sent round to Electric House, Westminster, the general offices of the Underground Railways. A large notice there told us that all posts were filled; only seventeen labourers were wanted, and whilst I was perusing it, the number was changed to three. Well, I managed to be one of those three, and the days that followed were an experience I wouldn't have missed for anything.

"Youth and old age, too; all sorts and conditions; turned out to do their 'bit' in any way they were needed. I was sent to Earl's Court, where a party of us worked for three days and two nights without having anything worth mentioning in the way of sleep. We were unloading, sorting out, and reloading food for the various centres. On the Sunday, a party of thirty of us, under Colonel Ryan, were transferred to the White City, which, you will remember, was taken over by the Government at the beginning of the War, for the housing of the Belgian refugees. It must have been a beautiful place in its palmy days, but at present is rather the worse for wear. It



had now become the bedding centre, where some of the workers slept—when they could—on the good old “army biscuits,” three hard, flat cushions. There were also mattresses stuffed with straw, and bales and bales of blankets. I never imagined there were so many blankets in the world! These were all Army supplies, being hurried in by convoys of twenty and thirty lorries from Didcot and other outlying places. Each lorry was manned by a driver, assistant driver, and crew of four or five as an armed guard; often equipped with nothing more deadly than a piece of lead piping or a spanner. We checked all the stuff as it came in, and then sent out whatever was wanted at Hyde Park, Regent’s Park, etc.; and with some 300 lorries on the job, we were kept pretty busy. Amongst the other workers I found Oxford and Cambridge undergrads., business managers, city men, clerks, some noble lords and a viscount—all lending a hand. There were fourteen titled porters at Paddington Station, trundling milk and food supplies for sixteen hours and more a day.

“There were really not many nasty incidents, all things considered. Occasionally a mob of strikers collected and stopped the last waggon of a transport, wrecked it, and handled the boys rather badly; but the police soon put a stop to that. Four of our helpers happened to be in one scrap, and spent a few days in hospital, but as soon as they were out came back to join us again. There was, of course, the humorous side, too. ‘Buses bore scribbled messages, such as ‘Flappers only. All single women must kiss the conductor’; and, on the last day, the tubes were labelled, ‘Positively our last appearance. No encores, by request. Last show of our long and successful season,’ and such like.

“While we were at Earl’s Court a concert was arranged, and many West-End artists came, including Kitty Reidy, now playing here in ‘Wildflower.’ The decorations and coat-of-arms appropriate to the occasion were most amusing and very clever. On the shield was a bottle of beer over a striker very *couchant*, and a train rampant, supported by two conductors in plus fours, bag and ticket punch complete. It brought forth shrieks of laughter.

“Our Irish Colonel was one of the very best. He made us feel we wanted to do all we possibly could for him. He had served in India and France, and through the ’19 strike, and at 68 had gone through those fourteen strenuous days with so little sleep that we wondered if he had had any at all. He was always on the job, cracking a joke here, lending a hand there; a curse for that fellow, a pat on the back for another. And there were hundreds of others, of course, doing the same. Wasn’t it wonderful to have been in it? It showed us that the spirit of old England as nothing else could have done these days.”

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The *Bush Lawyer* prints a letter from F. G. H. Salusbury, who

was a prefect, debater, and rifle shot in 1912 and 1913. He is better remembered, however, for (a) his sartorial magnificence; (b) his excellent light verse; and (c) his skilful pen-and-ink work. He was responsible for whatever of intellectual spice there was in the school life of his day. He is now on the staff of the *Daily Express*, 8 Shoe Lane, London, E.C.4, and would be glad if any Old Sydneians going to London would look him up there.

We are very glad to hear from him again, and hope that, now the ice has been thus pleasantly broken, he will write frequently.

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From *The Sun*, July 12, 1926:—"H. A. Russell won the 100 yards and 220 yards inter-collegiate championships of America this year." Can this be *our* H.A.?

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V. R. Webb was one of thirteen selected by the Air Board from New South Wales for training at Point Cook as Pilot Officers. He has since passed the course, being gazetted at the head of the list in order of merit.

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Amongst those who, having passed their final examinations, were recently admitted to practice as solicitors of the Supreme Court, are the following: A. M. Cunningham, S. R. Hudson, J. M. Jagelman, J. M. Rossell, George Asher Smith, and E. A. S. Russell.

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R. E. G. Cunningham writes from Bendena Station, *via* Morven, Queensland:—

"It might interest you to know that I have been managing the above station for over twelve months now, and still unsacked; and married in April, Miss Grace Deslon, of Mitchell Downs Station, Mitchell.

"There are not many Old Boys about here, but believe Mackenzie is on Biddenham, about 200 miles from here, but in 'our' district, the immensity of which you will judge when you know I am over 100 miles from the nearest town.

If you know of a likely Old Boy looking for a jackeroo's job, I may be able to fix him up. Hope the Club and Union is flourishing."

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And C. H. Mackenzie, from Biddenham, Augathella, Queensland:—

"One does not meet many old Grammar chaps in these parts, but, of course, I hear a good deal about the old School from home every week. A short time ago I struck Alf. Cooper, left at the end of '17, in Charleville. He was having a look at the West, travelling as an A.M.P. doctor. Another Old Sydneian I met was — Fletcher, from Bonus Downs. He was at Grammar in the 'nineties, I think, and afterwards played interstate cricket. He was playing for Mitchell

against Augathella at Morven, but apparently has been out of the game for a long time.

Best of luck to the School in the football comp."

T. F. Waters, writing on the 27th June, from Murrawombie Station, Girilambone, makes some valuable suggestions:—

"I notice that the annual meeting was held last Wednesday, and that the ball is to come off on 16th July. Unfortunately, I have missed the former and I don't think it likely that I will be down for the latter, much as I would like to.

"Now, I would like to make a suggestion, that both, or one of these functions (the ball for preference), be held during the annual sheep show and ram sales period, which commences usually about the 1st of July (the exact date could always be obtained from the Secretary of either the R.A.S. or the N.S.W. Sheepbreeders' Association), and extends for ten days, to the end of the following week.

"This time, I should say, would suit a good proportion of country members, as a lot make a point of being in Sydney for the ram sales and polo, whereas, just after then the shearing season is commencing in the biggest portion of the State, and they cannot remain in Sydney for the ball, or yet be down early enough for the meeting.

"Another matter I would like to mention, is the suggestion of holding the regatta during the week, instead of on Saturday, owing to the fear of a more serious repetition of the unfortunate occurrence of this year.

"If the regatta were not held on Saturday it would certainly prevent a great number of Old Boys from attending one of the greatest, if not the greatest, sporting events of the year, and at the same time it would tend to dampen that 'great public school spirit' we are all so proud of, for the simple reason that numbers would lose a good deal of their interest in the School's doings.

"If the question should come up again, I would strongly urge the various Old Boys' Unions to get together, and enter a vigorous protest, at the same time endeavouring to solve the difficulty.

"I would suggest that a line of buoys moored close together, or even booms, for the last three-quarters of a mile of the course on each side, together with a fair penalty for those who encroach on the racing fairway, should solve most of the difficulty. I have never heard of a fine being imposed, but properly used it should work wonders.

"As things stand at present, those who obey the rules, and show some consideration for others, often find themselves very badly situated for viewing the races.

"Another, and just as important, point is the immediate rush away before the crews are clear. A few fines here would have a steadying effect, too."



## OLD SYDNEIANS' JAZZ BAND



*Left to Right—J. K. Manning, T. Felstead, J. K. Cutler, M. Mead, C. M. Bridges, A. Stewart, J. M. Gosper,  
H. A. F. Rofe and N. F. Stewart*

The Committee of the Old Sydneians' Union has decided that, in future, the Annual Ball will be held just before Polo Week, and this should satisfy Mr. Waters' requirements.

Elsewhere the *Bush Lawyer* airs his views on the Regatta question, and, although we cannot follow him in all that he says, we think his general idea, namely, that there would be no reason for a change if the authorities in charge of the Regatta could be induced to control it efficiently, is perfectly sound. Efficient control is certainly possible, if proper steps are taken.

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### SPORTING.

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We extend our sympathy to Hunter Hendry, who, after showing splendid form in the first few matches of the English tour, contracted scarlet fever, and has been unable to play until the tail-end of the season.

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Old Sydneians have played a prominent part in Rugby Union football this season. A. M. Ross, A. C. Wallace, Wally Ives, Huck Finlay, C. L. Fox, G. P. Storey, and Max Hesslein played in one or more of the matches against the All Blacks, and each did his part most manfully. Wallace, originally chosen as captain of the State Fifteen, had to stand out of the first two games, owing to an injury. Hesslein captained what was practically a second fifteen against the New Zealanders.

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In club football, in addition to those mentioned, A. S. Rossell, W. W. Alexander, and Len Palmer have played well for Western Suburbs, and Bob Loudon has been a star forward for Manly, having had luck to escape the eyes of the selectors for the All Blacks' matches.

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In any mention of Rugby football, "Choomie" Ross certainly deserves a paragraph to himself. In all three Tests against the New Zealanders he played magnificently, and his exhibitions were practically flawless. He stood up to the All Black giants with cool determination, stopped their passing rushes by superb tackling, broke up their dribbling rushes by snapping up the ball from their toes, and kicked and handled with uncanny accuracy. Possibly he is the greatest full-back this State has seen. That there was something heroic in it all, is shown by the fact that he badly wrenched a shoulder muscle in the second Test, and throughout the third Test was suffering great pain. Quiet and unassuming, it may truly be said that both before and after leaving School he has not only upheld the best traditions of Grammar football, but has even set a higher standard of his own. The School is proud of Ross.

The following Old Sydneians, amongst others, took part in the Dudley Cup Polo Tournament: D. G. Munro, J. H. Ashton, H. A. Daniel, E. R. White, J. F. White, and A. F. Campbell.

The great event of this season in Hockey has been the visit of the Indian Army team. H. J. Baker was the only Sydneian to be selected for the State team against the Indians. Bowie-Wilson and Norman Cowper played in the early game for Metropolis against the Country. Baker, Cowper, and John Drury have been chosen to make the trip to Melbourne, for the interstate carnival in August.

#### WE CONGRATULATE:—

*Sir James Fairfax*, the recently-elected President of the Old Sydneians' Union, upon receiving the honour of knighthood from the King. It is richly deserved, for, leaving aside his distinguished services as Chairman of the Executive of the Red Cross Society during and for a few years after the War, and latterly as President of the Empire Press Union in Australia, he has throughout his life in many directions set a shining example of unselfish public spirit. This recognition of his worth is particularly pleasing to Old Sydneians, for he has served the School well and faithfully as a Trustee and a Vice-President of the Union, and his generous help has always been at her disposal.

*Sir Walter Allen*, on the honour of knighthood which was recently conferred upon him. He is a brother of R. C., A. W., and Herbert Allen, members of the legal firm of Allen, Allen & Hemsley, and all of them Old Sydneians. Another brother, Brigadier-General J. W. Allen, who had a distinguished war record, was also educated at the School. Sir Walter Allen was called to the Bar in England and later in New South Wales, but did not engage in active practice. In 1914 he was appointed to the Headquarters Staff of the Special Constabulary Reserve, and became successively Director of Supplies and Staff Officer to Sir Edward Ward, the Commandant. Last year he was appointed Chief Staff Officer of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary Reserve, at the unanimous desire of all the commandants, and still holds that position. He was created a C.B.E. for his services during the War. During the recent general strike he had over 60,000 men under his command, and he now controls a permanent force of 24,000. He was largely responsible for the undoubted efficiency of the British Government's organisation to combat the general strike.

*A. B. Piddington K.C.*, on being chosen as Chief Industrial Commissioner under the new State Industrial Arbitration Act. His appointment is a tribute to his humanitarian sympathies and breadth of outlook, as well as to his ability. He has always been a devoted supporter of the School.

*Robert Copland Lethbridge*, on being appointed to the Board of



the Perpetual Trustee Company (Limited), with the position of Managing Director. To him, more than to anyone else, is due the phenomenal growth and present efficiency of this valuable institution, which, by the way, has always had a large number of Old Sydneians on its staff.

*H. V. Douglass*, on his appointment as Manager of the Perpetual Trustee Company. For many years he has had a seat on the Committee of the Old Sydneians' Union, and members have learned to admire his ability and energy, his capacity for clear thought and accurate expression, and his sound judgment. His promotion, which has come to him at a comparatively early age, is in itself a guarantee of his worth.

(*Dr.*) *J. W. S. Laidley*, on being awarded the first fellowship in the newly-established Department of Urology, in the University of Sydney. John Laidley has had a brilliant scholastic career. At the School he took the Wigram Allen prize for mathematics and science in 1917, and the Wigram Allen prize for science in 1918. He graduated in medicine with first-class honours, and was prox. acc. for the University medal in medicine, and also for the Caird Scholarship for surgery. In 1922 he was first (*æq.*) for the Parkinson prize for pathology. He was appointed a resident medical officer of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in 1924. He coxed the School Eight from 1915 to 1918 inclusive, and also gained his University blue for rowing.

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*We congratulate* the following on the birth of sons or daughters, as the case may be:—

Dr. and Mrs. Cotter Harvey—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Carfrae—a son.

Dr. and Mrs. Cedric Cohen—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Keith Cohen—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. R. Francis—a son.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Pattinson—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Buckle—a son.

And while congratulating E. A. Fay on the birth of a son, we desire to express our very sincere sympathy in the death of his wife.

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#### MARRIAGES.

*Heydn E. Bustwell* to Miss Leila Trindall, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Trindall, of Enmore.

*Langford Gibson* to Miss Eileen Shand, youngest daughter of Mr. A. B. Shand, K.C., and Mrs. Shand.

*G. H. Blakemore* to Miss Isabel McKellar, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. McKellar, of Merri-Merrigal Station, Hillston.

*Kingsley Lock* to Miss Lily Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. B. Marshall, of Rose Bay.

*Clive de la T. Blackwell* to Miss May Gordon Willis, only daughter of the late F. S. Willis and Mrs. Willis, of Killara.

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### THE UNIVERSITY LETTER.

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Dear *Sydneian*,—

This term's letter, as usual, has very little to record of matters academic—due to lack of exams. Some honour results have, however, been published, and from them we find that in Medicine, Dave Ross has graduated with second-class honours, and is now at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. We have also heard, that in Melbourne, Arthur Petrie has obtained his M.A. degree, with first-class honours.

Since our last letter, the Undergraduates' Association Committee has been completed, and contains additional Sydneians, in the persons of Gus Bluett, "Canon" Garnsey, and Vic. Webb, representing the First, Second, and Fourth Years of Engineering, respectively; Bowie-Wilson representing Second Year Science, and Burns representing Arts I.

In sport we have been very busy. At the end of last term the Inter-Collegiate Boatrace was held, and won for the third time in succession by Pauls, Wesley again being second, and Andrew's third. R. C. Dence and W. H. Judd were in the Paul's crew, whilst Wally Roberts was in the Wesley boat. Just recently the Inter-Faculty Boatrace was held, and resulted in a win for Engineering. The Engineering crew was coxed by Murray Gosper, coached by Vic. Webb, and contained in it as well George Kerr and "Canon" Garnsey.

This year, for the first time since 1911, we won the Inter-Varsity Boatrace. The race was held in Tasmania for the first time, and our crew scored a great win from Melbourne, with Tasmania third. The only Old Sydneian in the crew was Alwyn Bloomfield.

The Inter-Varsity Athletics were held in Adelaide, and again won by Melbourne, our team filling second place. The Sydney team was far from representative, and contained only one Old Sydneian, namely, Pat MacDonald.

This year we have had good success with all our football teams, since they are all either at or near the top of their respective grades. In the Firsts are Max Hesslein (captain), Alec Ross, "Huck" Finlay, Geoff. Storey, and, recently, Frank Bayldon. Of these, Alec Ross and "Huck" Finlay were chosen to represent the State, whilst Max Hesslein and Geoff. Storey played in the Second Fifteens, Max being captain. After all that has been written in the various papers, it is quite unnecessary to mention here the great manner in which these four upheld the football traditions of the old School. The Inter-Collegiate Football Competition was won by Wesley, after a hard game with Paul's.

The hockey team is second in its competition, and contains Bowie-Wilson, Ian Robertson, and Baker from the School.

The Boatrace was a terrible shock to us up here, although none of us begrudge High School their wonderful win.

We have also been disappointed with the Football teams, although they have put up good fights in all their games.

Hoping that the tide will turn with the Athletics, we are,

Ever yours,

UNDERGRAD.

## IN MEMORIAM.

### SIR TIMOTHY COGHLAN.

The late Sir Timothy Coghlan was an eminent public servant, who had been the representative of this State as Agent-General in London at varying periods during the last twenty years. An engineer by profession, he was a born statistician, and used his great talents in the service of the State.

### SIR CHARLES MACKELLAR.

By the death of Sir Charles Mackellar, the community lost a most distinguished and public-spirited citizen. An eminent medical man, he also held a seat on the boards of directors of many of our principal financial, commercial, and philanthropic institutions; but he will be remembered chiefly for his devoted service to the cause of child welfare.

### WALTER ANDROSS FARQUHAR.

Always a keen and proficient sportsman, the late Walter Farquhar had a host of friends amongst Sydneians of all ages. His spare, athletic figure was familiar at all Great Public Schools' sporting fixtures. As general inspector of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. for fifteen years, he did most valuable work for that institution, and earned the respect and loyalty of all its officers.

### VICTOR ALFRED FREEMAN MEES.

The only son of Sir Alfred and Lady Mees, Freeman Mees was an Old Sydneian, who never lost his interest in the School. He never properly recovered from his war injuries, and may truly be said to have died in the service of his country.



## FRANK IREDALE.

The name of F. A. Iredale was a household word in Australian cricket for thirty years. He was both a great cricketer and a great administrator.

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## ARTHUR JAMES MILSON.

A member of an old pioneer family, the late A. J. Milson was a well-known grazier, but his great interest was yachting. He was for many years the Commodore of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.

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## EDWARD WILLIAM FOXALL.

The late Mr. E. W. Foxall had a notable record of service for twenty-six years as English Secretary to the Japanese Consulate-General, and in that capacity he exerted, in a quiet way, a considerable influence in promoting a good understanding between Japan and his native land.